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II.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

The Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held its Seventy-sixth session in the Court street Methodist church, Lynchburg, Va., commencing on the 9th day of November, 1870, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Bishop George F. Pierce, D.D., presiding (Bishop John Early, D.D., being also present).

The Conference was opened with appropriate religious exercises, conducted by Bishops Pierce and Early.

The roll of clerical and lay members was called* by the Secretary of the last session, Rev. Paul Whitehead.

Paul Whitehead was elected Secretary, and Peter A. Peterson Assistant Secretary.

On motion, the hour of meeting, daily, was fixed at half-past nine o'clock A. M., and the hour of adjournment at half-past one o'clock P. M.

The Presiding Elder of the Lynchburg District and the preachers stationed in Lynchburg, were appointed a Committee on Public Worship.

The standing committees were constituted, as follows :

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

Clerical (appointed at the session of 1869)—A. G. Brown, chairman ; George C. Vanderslice, W. G. Lumpkin, W. G. Starr, T. H. Boggs, R. W. Watts, J. McMullan, P. W. Archer, and Wm. H. Christian. *Lay*.—W. V. Croxton, W. G. Clarke, Thomas M. Bass, Wm. M. Gill, D'Arcy Paul, Hardy C. Williams, Geo. M. Bain, Jr., Thomas W. Garrett, Edwin J. Bell.

ON EDUCATION.

Clerical.—John C. Granbery, James M. Anderson, Robert N. Sledd, David M. Wallace, Alexander M. Hall, Charles H. Hall, Paul Whitehead, W. W. Duncan, Charles E. Watts. *Lay*.—Jeff W. Stubbs, John M. Godwin, Garland B. Hanes, T. T. Pettus, J. J. Lampkin, T. B. Hamlin, E. H. Williams, J. H. Dawson, W. D. Quisenbury.

ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Clerical.—W. W. Bennett, John Bayley, G. W. Langhorne, James

* The Directory will show who were present during the session.

W. Blincoe, W. E. Judkins, R. A. Compton, P. A. Peterson, Thomas H. Boggs. *Lay*.—A. W. Richardson, S. M. Shepherd, James Mathias, W. W. Webb, J. A. Jefferson, J. R. Kilby, L. D. Travers, Samuel Downing.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Clerical.—Francis M. Edwards, Adam C. Bledsoe, John D. Blackwell, L. J. Hansberger, Joseph H. Amiss, Thomas L. Williams, James C. Martin, William F. Bain. *Lay*.—Asa Snyder, Lawrence Sanford, James D. Crawley, George B. Finch, John A. Winfield, Thomas M. Newsom, William S. Byrd, William T. Chandler.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, the following were appointed a Committee on the Religious Interests of Colored People: William B. Rowzie, James P. Garland, Wm. H. Christian, M. S. Colonna, Dr. S. M. Shepherd, D'Arcy Paul, Asa Snyder, Robert O. Burton.

P. F. August, H. P. Mitchell, William G. Williams, and Alex. G. Brown were appointed a Committee on Memoirs.

On motion of P. A. Peterson and Paul Whitehead, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

WHEREAS, We have received information of the death of Rev. William A. Smith, D. D., of the St. Louis Conference M. E. Church South, who for forty-one years was a prominent and beloved member of this body, and whose distinguished services, no less than his exalted religious and ministerial character, entitle his memory to perpetual regard in the Church ; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of Rev. L. M. Lee, Rev. J. C. Granbery, and D'Arcy Paul, be appointed to prepare and report a paper which shall give a suitable expression to the sentiments of this Conference in view of the sad event.

A communication from John B. McFerrin, D.D., Secretary of the Missionary Board of the M. E. Church South, was presented and read, and on motion of J. C. Granbery,

Resolved, 1. That the Missionary Board of the Conference consist of seven clerical and six lay members.

Resolved, 2. That we proceed to the election of said Board.

The following persons were elected : John E. Edwards, John C. Granbery, George W. Langhorne, Charles H. Hall, William G. Lumpkin, Jas. R. Waggener, Leonidas Rosser, D'Arcy Paul, Joseph H. Dawson, John R. Kilby, William W. Webb, James Mathias, and Stith M. Shepherd ; G. M. Bain, Jr., [subsequently added.]

On motion, the communication of Dr. McFerrin was referred to the Missionary Board.

On motion, J. M. Anderson was appointed to obtain subscriptions to the *Nashville Christian Advocate* and the *New Monthly Magazine*.

A communication of A. H. Redford, D. D., Book Agent of the M. E. Church, South, and an exhibit of the condition of the Publishing House, were presented and read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

D. P. Wills presented papers referring to a bequest by Philip Woodhouse of \$1,000 to the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, which were, on motion, referred to D'Arcy Paul, for such action as in his judgment will promote the interests of the Church in the case.

On motion of A. G. Brown, it was referred to the Joint Board of Finance, to make such alterations in the pamphlets issued by them, under

the action of the General Conference of 1850, as the recent changes of the law on the subject of finance may require.

On motion of D. P. Wills, it was resolved that the Conference proceed to the examination of character with open doors.*

It was ordered that John J. Lafferty, Benjamin C. Spiller, Thomas H. Early, James McAden, James L. Spencer, Thomas S. Campbell, and James A. Riddick be placed on the supernumerary list.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, November 10, 1870.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Pierce in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by G. W. Nolley.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, the following were appointed a committee to nominate Examining Committees for the ensuing four years, viz: John C. Granbery, John D. Blackwell, and James C. Martin.

It was ordered that Robert I. Carson, Wm. J. Norfleet, John B. Laurens, John F. Poulton, and James F. Brannin be placed upon the supernumerary list.

Geo. W. Matthews, a local deacon of Smithfield Circuit, was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of that Circuit for admission into the traveling connection on trial, and passed in examination of character, but the Conference declined to receive him.

Most of the session was taken up with the examination of character.

And then the Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, November 11, 1870.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Pierce in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Wm. W. Bennett.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

It was ordered that Jacob H. Proctor and John P. Woodward be placed on the supernumerary list.

Daniel G. Butts, a local preacher of Hanover Circuit, Joshua S. Hunter, a local preacher of Appomattox Circuit, and James Thomas Lumpkin, a local preacher of Nottoway Circuit, were recommended by

* To save the space usually filled with the names of the preachers in the order in which they are examined, it may be here stated that all were called, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

the Quarterly Conferences of their respective Circuits for admission into the traveling connection on trial, passed in examination of character, and were severally admitted.

On motion of W. W. Bennett, the Conference granted permission to the Presiding Elders to employ George W. Matthews, who applied for admission on trial on yesterday and was rejected, wherever they may consider it desirable, within their Districts.

James W. Bledsoe, Richard Ferguson, James A. Hughes, Wm. P. Jordan, Edward M. Jordan, Wm. E. Payne, John Q. Rhodes, Walter C. Taylor, and George M. Wright, who were received on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were severally continued on trial; and James W. Bledsoe and Richard Ferguson were elected to Deacons' orders.

Robert A. Armistead and James C. Reid, who were continued on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, were examined before the Conference according to the Discipline by the Bishop, and were severally admitted into full connection, and James C. Reid was elected to Elder's orders.

Wm. R. Cobb, who was continued on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and, being absent, was continued on trial.

Thomas P. Wise, who was granted a certificate of location at the last Conference, presented the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of New Kent Circuit, and applied for readmission into the traveling connection. On motion, the application was laid upon the table for the present.

David F. Hodges, Charles E. Hobday, Wm. P. Wright, Travis J. Taylor, and B. F. Tennille, who were received into full connection at the last Conference, and Joshua L. Garrett and John W. Hildrup, who were received into full connection at the Conference of 1868, and continued in that relation at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and continued as of the class of the fourth year—it being understood that Travis J. Taylor (who is absent) shall be examined hereafter upon the studies of the third year also.

Wm. W. Spain and B. T. Ames, heretofore continued as Deacons, passed in examination of character, and W. W. Spain was elected to Elder's orders, and it was ordered that Benj. T. Ames be placed on the superannuated list.

Humphrey Billups, Joseph Carson, Mathew M. Dance, Benj. Devany, Robert A. Gregory, William A. Robinson, Alexander Stewart, Jacob Shough, Benj. M. Williams, Herbert T. Bacon, and Samuel T. Moorman, passed in examination of character, and were (with exception of H. T. Bacon) severally placed on the superannuated list.

A communication from Samuel T. Moorman was read to the Conference, and, on motion, it was referred to the Missionary Board.

On motion of E. M. Peterson, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That we hear with pleasure of the continued spiritual prosperity and useful labors of our old and honored brethren, the Rev. Joseph Carson, Humphrey Billups, Mathew M. Dance, Benjamin Devany, and Samuel T. Moorman; and, as a Conference, cordially extend to them our earnest prayers and Christian sympathies in their declining years.

Paul Whitehead, President of the "Society for the Relief of the

Preachers of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and their Families, their Widows and Orphans," reported to the Conference the organization of said Society, under a charter obtained from the Legislature of North Carolina, and asked the ratification by the Conference of the same.

When, on motion of H. B. Cowles, this subject was made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

John Edward Jackson, a local Deacon of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who has been received into our Church by the Quarterly Conference of Manchester Station, presented the recommendation of said Quarterly Conference, and a certificate subscribing to our doctrines and Discipline, and assuming the ordination vows of our Church, and having passed in examination of character, was recognized by the Conference as a local deacon of our Church.

Alpheus L. Edwards, a local preacher of Batesville Circuit and Blue Ridge Mission, was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of that Circuit and Mission for ordination as Deacon, passed in examination of character, and was elected to Deacon's orders accordingly.

Thomas H. Campbell, a local Deacon of Amherst Circuit, and George W. Mathews, a local Deacon of Smithfield Circuit, were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of their Circuits as suitable persons to be ordained Elders, passed in examination of character, and were elected accordingly.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to Garland B. Hanes and Wm. W. Webb.

And then the Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, November 12, 1870.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Pierce in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Davis P. Wills.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Littleton K. Lecato, a local Deacon of Pungoteague Circuit, and Robt. J. Sanford, a local Deacon of Westmoreland Circuit, were recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of those Circuits for election to Elder's orders, passed in examination of character, and were elected accordingly.

Edward Hawks, a local preacher of Nottoway Circuit, was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of that Circuit as a suitable person to be ordained Deacon, passed in examination of character, and was elected to Deacon's orders accordingly.

T. S. D. Covington, formerly a local Elder of our Church, who was deprived of his credentials by this Conference, and who has since been restored to the local ministry of our Church, applied for the restoration of his credentials, and presented the recommendation of the Quarterly

Conference of Northumberland Circuit to that effect; whereupon the Conference, having considered the case, ordered the restoration of the credentials.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to Geo. E. Booker, Francis M. Edwards, Thos. M. Newson, and Philmer W. Archer.

On motion, Wm. Willis, Jr., was added to the Missionary Board of the Conference, and R. O. Burton to the Committee on the Religious Interests of the Colored People.

On motion, the Conference tendered its thanks to Messrs. Victor & Ambler, of this city, for a present of stationery to the members of the Conference.

Joseph A. Proctor, from the committee appointed at the last Conference to ascertain the debts due by the Richmond *Christian Advocate* while it was the property of this Conference, which remain unpaid, made a report, which was read and received, and, on motion, referred to the Joint Board of Finance.

Adam Jones and Jacob Russell, colored preachers of our Church within the bounds of Halifax Circuit, were recommended for election to Deacon's orders, by the official members, white and colored, of Union Church of that Circuit; and having passed in examination of character, were elected accordingly.

James A. Duncan, President of Randolph Macon College, made a report of the condition and prospects of the College, and addressed the Conference upon the subject, when, on motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Education, and, on motion of W. E. Judkins, the Committee were requested to furnish copies of the report of Dr. Duncan for publication in the Richmond *Christian Advocate*, the Baltimore *Christian Advocate*, and Baltimore *Episcopal Methodist*.

Charles H. Hall, Leo. Rosser, and J. D. Blackwell offered a series of resolutions respecting the education of our children at Romish schools, which were laid upon the table for the present.

F. M. Edwards, from the Committee on Sunday Schools, made a report, which was read, and A. G. Haygood, D.D., Sunday School Secretary of the M. E. Church, South, addressed the Conference on the subject.

On motion of John C. Granbery, the report was adopted, excepting so much of it as refers to the appointment of a Sunday School Agent for the ensuing year, which was laid on the table for the present.

And then the Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, November 14, 1870.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Pierce in the Chair.

Religious services were conducted by George W. Langhorne.

The minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion of R. N. Sledd, the Conference reconsidered the vote by which the application of Geo. W. Matthews for admission, on trial, was rejected, and on further consideration of his case he was admitted into the traveling connection on trial.

A memorial to the Conference from the colored members of our Church at Farrer's Chapel, Goochland Circuit, was read to the Conference, and, on motion of W. B. Rowzie, referred to the Committee on the Religious Interests of the Colored People.

On motion, the Conference resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, and that part of it recommending the appointment of Rev. J. G. Rowe as a General Agent was adopted. [See Report.]

Bishop Pierce reported that on yesterday morning, at Court Street Church, in this city, he ordained the following persons Deacons: James W. Bledsoe, Richard Ferguson, Alpheus L. Edwards, Edward Hawks; and at Centenary Church, yesterday evening, the following persons Elders: Wm. W. Spain, Jas. C. Reed, Thos. H. Campbell, Geo. W. Matthews, and Littleton K. Lecato. Also, that on Saturday afternoon, in this city, he ordained Adam Jones and Jacob Russell (colored) Deacons.

The Conference took up the application of Thos. P. Wise, made on Friday last, for readmission into the traveling connection, and after full consideration, he, having passed in examination of character, was readmitted.

Jas. H. Jefferson applied for readmission into the traveling connection, and presented the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of the South Staunton Circuit to that effect, and passed in examination of character, but the Conference declined to receive him.

Bishop Early in the Chair.

On motion of Paul Whitehead,

Resolved, That we hereby express our high appreciation of the labor of Brother P. A. Peterson in the preparation and publication of the minutes of our Conference for the past two years, and request him to continue the same on the plan heretofore adopted by him, promising him our cordial co-operation.

Geo. H. Ray and Jas. C. Watson offered two resolutions on the subject of class-meetings, which, after debate, were, on motion of J. C. Granbery, laid on the table.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to Wm. M. Jerdone, W. V. Croxton, B. H. Johnson, H. P. Mitchell, James L. Fisher, and T. T. Pettus.

And then the Conference adjourned.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, November 15, 1870.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Pierce in the chair. Religious services were conducted by P. A. Peterson.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

John C. Granbery, from the Committee to nominate Committees of

Examination, made the following nominations, which, on motion, were confirmed. [See Committees of Examination and Course of Study.]

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to Jos. H. Riddick, Elisha Williams, Hardy C. Williams, Samuel Downing.

The Conference then proceeded to elect a Corresponding Sunday School Secretary, and Asa Snyder was nominated and elected.

Bishop Pierce brought before the Conference the subject of the missionary debt, towards the payment of which this Conference has been assessed by the Missionary Board with the sum of \$1,900.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the members of the Conference be requested to take such sums as they may be willing to engage to raise in their charges, or, in failure thereof, the same to be paid by themselves for the purpose of raising the amount before mentioned.

The roll was called, and pledges received to the amount of \$1,555.

On motion of W. W. Bennett and J. H. Davis,

Resolved, That the Bishops be, and are hereby, earnestly requested to change the time of holding this Conference, so that in future we may meet not earlier than the fourth Wednesday in November, nor later than the first Wednesday in December.

W. W. Bennett, from the Committee on Publishing Interests, made a report, which was read. P. A. Peterson moved to strike out the allusion in the report to the complaints against the hymn-books, as to price and quality; but the motion was rejected and the report adopted. [See Reports.]

On motion, Asa Snyder, Thomas Whitehead, and J. D. Blackwell were appointed a committee to nominate delegates from this Conference to the General Sunday School Convention of our Church.

And then the Conference adjourned.

SEVENTH DAY.—MORNING.

WEDNESDAY, November 16, 1870.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Pierce in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by John D. Blackwell.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The resolutions of J. D. Blackwell, C. H. Hall, and Leo Rosser, respecting Romish schools and the patronizing of such schools by Protestants, were taken up, adopted, and referred to the Committee on Education. They are as follows:

Resolved 1st, That the literary institutions of our own Church, aided by other institutions of learning under Protestant influence, are, in our judgment, fully adequate to the literary training and mental development of the children of our Church and congregations.

Resolved 2d, That the highest and only worthy end of education is intellectual and moral development, with a view to the good of our race and the glory of God.

Resolved 3d, That the literary institutions of the Romish Church, inasmuch as they repudiate the word of God as the guide to religious knowledge, and deny the laity the right of appeal to the word of God, are unworthy of the patronage of our people.

Resolved 4th, That patronage extended by our people to such institutions is a grievous wrong to their own children and disloyalty to Christ; and that we earnestly entreat them to sustain our own schools, or at least those under Protestant control.

D. P. Wills, President of the "Board of Managers of the Preachers'

Educational Fund of the Virginia Conference," made a report to the Conference of the funds raised and the management thereof during the past year ; which, on motion, was laid on the table for the present.

Leroy M. Lee, from the committee appointed to the last Conference to confer with a like committee of the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, made a report of the action of this committee, and the results of the same. [See reports.] Rev. William McGee and Dr. R. B. Thomson, of the Methodist Protestant Conference also addressed the Conference.

And, on motion of John E. Edwards, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That as an expression of our hearty approval of, and our concurrence in, the formal organic union of the Methodist Protestant Church in the District of Virginia with the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, we unite in a rising vote, giving thereby a cordial reception to the ministry and laity hereby merged into the union of the two ecclesiastical bodies.

The statistics of the Conference were reported as follows, in answer to questions 21 to 26, inclusive of Discipline, Chapter II., Section 2. [See Statistics]

The order of the day, being the report of the organization of the Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference, &c., was, on motion, postponed until to-morrow.

Alexander G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, made a report of appropriations, which was approved ; also a report of alterations in the Plan of Finance, referred to them by this Conference ; pending the consideration of which, it was

Resolved, That when the Conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet again at half past 3 o'clock P. M., and that this part of the report of the Joint Board of Finance be then considered item by item.

On motion of Paul Whitehead,

Resolved, That the "Southern Review," edited by Dr. Bledsoe, and published by John Poisal and S. S. Rozzell, is eminently worthy of the patronage of our preachers and people, and we recommend it to them as the best Quarterly Review published in this country.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session, after to-day, was granted to D'Arcy Paul, H. H. Gary, Ro. N. Crooks, Wm. M. Gill, and L. D. Travers.

And then the Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

HALF-PAST 3 O'CLOCK.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Pierce in the Chair. Religious services were conducted by P. F. August.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Conference resumed the consideration of the report of the Joint Board of Finance, which was amended in some particulars and adopted. And it was ordered that the Joint Board cause to be published 3,000 copies of the minutes of Conference, including the amended Financial Plan.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to John B. Dey and John B. Laurens.

And then the Conference adjourned.

EIGHTH DAY.—MORNING.

THURSDAY, November 17, 1870.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Pierce in the Chair. Religious services were conducted by Wm. McGee.

The minutes of the afternoon session of yesterday were read and approved.

Robert O. Burton, from the Committee on the Religious Interests of the Colored People, made a report, which was adopted, with the exception of the 3d resolution, which was rejected, and the 7th resolution, which was amended on motion of P. A. Peterson. The report, as amended, was adopted. [See Reports.]

On motion of D. P. Wills, the report of the President of the Board of Managers of Preachers' Educational Fund, &c., which was laid on the table on yesterday, was referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion, certificates of location were granted to Chas. C. Pearson and Wm. Grant.

On motion of J. E. Edwards, the action of the Conference, adding Wm. Wills, Jr., to the Missionary Board, was reconsidered, and George M. Bain, Jr., was substituted for brother Willis, as a member of the Board.

Wm. P. Wright having passed an approved examination on the studies of the 4th year, was, on motion, elected to Elder's orders. [And was ordained by Bishop Pierce the day after the Conference adjourned.]

Alexander G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, made a final report, furnishing answers to the Disciplinary questions 27 and 28, chapter II., section 2, which was adopted and the funds distributed. [See Financial Exhibit.]

Bishop Pierce reported the following legal questions arising in the regular business of the Conference, and answers thereto, for record on the Journal, viz :

Question 1. The Discipline, Section V., page 149, in the Constitution of the Joint Board of Finance says, "said Board shall consist of one clerical member of the Conference and one layman for each Presiding Elder's District." In the interpretation of this language two questions arise which I hope may be settled by Episcopal decision, viz :

First. Whether the lay members of the Board are required to be members of the Conference?

Second. Whether they shall be *one from each District*, or one *FOR* each District, *i. e.* equal in number to the Districts of the Conference?

ALEX. G. BROWN,

Chairman of the Joint Board of Finance.

Answer to First. No; any member of the Church is eligible, who is regularly appointed.

Answer to Second. *One from each District.*

G. F. PIERCE.

Question 2. When a circuit or station is dissatisfied with the assess-

ments of their District Stewards' meeting, have they the right of appeal to the Joint Board of Finance or must all appeals in such cases be based upon the assessments?

ALEX. G. BROWN,

Chairman of the Joint B. of F.

Answer. The Board of Finance have no jurisdiction over the *assessments* of the District Stewards, but is an appellate tribunal for all issues that may exist between the Stewards or Presiding Elders, or any of the preachers in relation to salaries.

G. F. PIERCE.

A recommendation from the Quarterly Conference of Pasquotank Circuit for the restoration of the credentials of James White, formerly Local Deacon of our Church, was presented to the Conference, but on consideration of the case the Conference refused to restore his credentials.

James O. Moss was appointed to serve in place of C. C. Pearson on the Examining Committee of the 3d year, for the next four years.

The order of the day was then taken up, and the following resolutions adopted on motion of J. R. Kilby :

1. Resolved, That the Conference accept and adopt the charter granted by the Legislature of North Carolina for the "Society for the relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference, their families, their widows and orphans," and approve of the organization thereunder.

2. Resolved, That the Conference now proceed to elect nine Directors for said Society for the year to commence the 23d February next.

3. Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to recommend suitable persons to the Conference for such Directors, for its consideration.

The Chair appointed J. R. Kilby, H. B. Cowles, and Paul Whitehead said committee, who retired and reported the following nominations, which were confirmed, and the persons named elected accordingly : Paul Whitehead, J. J. Yeates, John R. Kilby, Geo. M. Bain, Jr., Joseph H. Dawson, Richard Irby, D'Arcy Paul, Alex. G. Brown, and Thos. Whitehead.

J. D. Blackwell, from the committee to nominate suitable delegates to the General Sunday School Convention, reported the following nominations, which were confirmed :

For Delegates.—Rev. C. H. Hall, Rev. R. N. Sledd, Wm. Willis, Jr., Joseph C. Deming, and John M. Godwin.

For Alternates.—W. T. Davis, Rev. J. D. Blackwell, Col. S. Downing, Geo. W. Peatross, Rev. J. C. Granbery.

On motion of Leroy M. Lee and Peter A. Peterson, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, the General Conference, after defining the relations of traveling and local ministers to the District Conference, has conferred upon the Annual Conferences the authority of defining the relations of the laity to the said Conference, and the mode of appointing them ; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That each Quarterly Conference shall elect two delegates to represent them in the District Conference.

Resolved, 2. That each church in a Presiding Elder's District shall have the right to elect a member of the District Conference.

On motion of Wm. E. Judkins and J. D. Blackwell,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Worship at this and each succeeding Annual Conference be authorized to appoint a member of this Conference, and an alternate, to preach the opening sermon at the ensuing Annual Conference, said sermon to be followed by the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

And then the Conference adjourned to meet again at 7 o'clock P. M.

EVENING.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.

Conference met according to adjournment, Wm. B. Rowzie in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Chas. H. Hall.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Chas. H. Hall, from the Committee on Education, made a report, which was adopted. [See Reports.]

John E. Edwards, from the Missionary Board of this Conference, made a report to the Conference, which was adopted. [See Reports.]

On motion, permission was given to the Presiding Elders to employ James H. Jefferson, if they should deem it desirable.

The following action of the last General Conference, was laid before the Conference for concurrence or non-concurrence, viz :

"That the following Proviso, if it receives a two-thirds majority of this body, be sent round to the several Annual Conferences, and if it receives a three-fourths vote of the same, it shall be inserted in the Discipline in lieu of the aforesaid* paragraph:

"Provided, That when any rule or regulation is adopted by the General Conference, which, in the opinion of the Bishops, is unconstitutional, the Bishops may present to the Conference which passed said rule or regulation, their objections thereto, with their reasons, and if then the General Conference shall, by a two-thirds vote, adhere to its action on said rule or regulation, it shall then take the course prescribed for altering a restrictive rule, and if thus passed upon affirmatively, the Bishops shall announce that such rule or regulation takes effect from that time."

The vote being taken, ninety-seven voted for concurrence and one for non-concurrence.

Bishop Pierce in the Chair.

John C. Granbery, from the committee to prepare an expression of the sentiments of the Conference in reference to the death of Dr. Wm. A. Smith, made a report, which was read and unanimously adopted. [See "Tribute to the memory of Wm. A. Smith, D. D."]

P. F. August, from the Committee on Memoirs, made a report, which was adopted and ordered to be published in the General Minutes. [See Memoirs.]

The Conference proceeded to fix the place of holding its next session. Norfolk, Petersburg and Portsmouth were put in nomination, and Portsmouth was chosen.

The Chair announced the Joint Board of Finance for the ensuing year. [See page 2.]

Alex. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, made a report of the assessment for the next year of the Conference Collection, the Bishops' Fund, and the collection for Randolph Macon College, among the several Districts, which was approved. [See Assessments for 1871.]

The Conference ordered the payment by the Joint Board of Finance of an account for stationery and other expenses of the Board, presented by its Secretary.

*Provided, That when any rule or regulation is adopted by the General Conference, which, in the opinion of the Bishops, is unconstitutional, the Bishops may present to the General Conference their objections to such rule or regulations, with the reasons thereof; and if, after hearing the objections and reasons of the Bishops, two-thirds of the members of the Conference present shall vote in favor of the rule or regulation so objected to, it shall have the force of law, otherwise it shall be null and void.

On motion of A. G. Brown, the Conference reconsidered the action by which the Joint Board was directed to publish 3,000 copies of the minutes of the Conference, and it was ordered that the Board pay whatever amount may be unprovided, for the publication of the minutes according to the plan of Brother Peterson.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, the Conference adopted, by a rising vote, the following resolution :

Resolved, That we hereby express our great pleasure in having with us Bishop George F. Pierce, and that we tender to him our thanks for the very courteous and satisfactory manner in which he has presided over our deliberations.

On motion of P. A. Peterson,

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to the citizens of Lynchburg for the cordial and elegant style in which they have entertained the members of this Conference; to the various Churches of the city, whose pulpits have been occupied by our preachers; and to the various lines of transportation for accommodations granted to the members of this body

On motion of Geo. W. Langhorne :

Resolved, That we tender to Bishop John Early, the expression of our unabated affection and esteem for him, of our pleasure in his presence among us, and of our sympathy with him in his bodily affliction.

P. A. Peterson was appointed to preach the opening sermon at the next session, 1871.

After religious exercises, conducted by Bishop Pierce and W. W. Bennett, the appointments of the preachers for the ensuing year were announced, and the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

GEORGE F. PIERCE, President. •

PAUL WHITEHEAD, Secretary.

III.

REPORTS.

ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education report with pleasure the favorable condition of the institutions of learning under the patronage of the Conference.

Randolph Macon College, situated at Ashland, Va., and under the care of Rev. J. A. Duncan, D. D., President, presents a gratifying statement of its affairs. There are now one hundred and twenty-six students in attendance, twenty-six of whom are preparing for the ministry of the Baltimore and Virginia Annual Conferences. These figures present a very decided advance beyond the numbers reported at the last session of Conference.

The able paper presented to the Conference by Dr. Duncan, and by consent made a part of this report, furnishes all necessary information in regard to the condition and prospects of this great institution of our Church, and strongly sets forth its claims upon our people. We here introduce, and call special attention to,

DR. DUNCAN'S ADDRESS IN BEHALF OF RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.

"It has often been remarked that 'the world possesses the secret of making perfect proselytes to vice without giving any direct lessons on the subject.' But we all know—too well—by painful experience, what expensive efforts are required to save from ignorance, folly and sin, even a small portion of one generation. It is well for us if we are able, in all good conscience, to congratulate ourselves on having done no less in this field of Christian labor than it was our duty to do. When, in review of the year's work, we have reckoned up the fruits of our efforts, it is specially important that we find we have not forgotten the children—we have done something for the good of those young beings that are so soon to take the sceptre from our hands and rule as our successors over all our dominions.

Every Church must be concerned to avoid the course of Eli. Her sons must not be sons of Belial, that know not the Lord. She must watch over them, provide for them, engage their minds and hearts with whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report. We predestinate the future character of the Methodist Church in Virginia by the manner in which we care for the children who now surround us.

Alas! that a truth so trite should receive so little consideration.

What generation has died unincumbered with debts to the generation that succeeded it? Christians at least should deliberate well concerning their obligations to the young, and transmit from age to age evidence of the superior principles which those who love God exemplify beyond all others in what they do for their children. Those whose daily prayer is, let Thy Kingdom come, must themselves be its heralds to the generation following.

It has been well said: 'The highest result of any form of civilization, and therefore the brightest and topmost flower of Christianity, ought to be found in its system of Education: in the perfection of beauty visible in its mode of training each successive generation for the great work of life.'

Because our fathers considered themselves under religious obligation to participate in the work of Education, we have become the inheritors of an institution whose history is inseparable from our name and our influence as a Christian Church. When those venerable founders laid the corner-stone they confided in the wisdom of their sons to carry on the building. But it is the peculiar characteristic of such work that it can never be fin-

ished. It progresses by contributions that enrich it with memorials of successive generations, and it is forever renewed with continual enlargements. Science, Art, Learning, Philosophy, Religion, these are not smoothly-flowing streams: they advance only by repetitions of indefatigable exertion, and they reach no limit beyond which their friends are released from their service.

Overlooking that ceaseless effort which is the honorable duty conditional to the achievement of excellent objects; losing the enthusiasm which a noble cause should always inspire, we become weary in well-doing, and fail to reap the reward promised to patient continuance in faithful labor.

If results of past labors have discouraged our hopes, shall we charge our disappointment to Fate, Chance, or Providence? Or shall we suspect our large hopes of being the extravagant companions of small labors? Disappointments often teach us wholesome lessons, and admonish us to do our duty more wisely and faithfully in the time to come. God never fails a faithful workman, however faith be tried and patience be required to show its perfect work. But bountiful sowing must precede bountiful reaping—this is the law.

I remind you of these things because Randolph Macon, never adequately endowed for the object it was instituted to serve, contending with disadvantages that inflexibly limited its prosperity, has not succeeded commensurately with the expectations of some who were not familiar with the particulars of its history. But without an income proportionate to her expenses, for many years variably sustained by an irregular system of temporary agencies, begging her daily bread in our streets, pleading for aid at the hands of those on whom she bestowed her blessings. Yet despised for her poverty, while making many rich, and called a beggar by those who made her so; the only wonder is how she accomplished so much—how returns of such magnitude could be realized from investments so meagre!

If still our people are too poor to make their College independent, they are able at least to furnish it the necessities of life until such a time as an endowment can be raised. This is what you asked by resolution at your last session. How has this moderate request, made too, as it was, in the name of the gratuitous education of all the sons of our preachers, been answered by the collections? I hope the reports which shall answer this question shall not reflect want of zeal in such a cause.

It is necessary that an idea be *distinctly understood* in order that we may feel the whole of its power. But I fear that some of our people have yet to comprehend fully—clearly—distinctly—adequately—the idea of such an Institution as Randolph Macon College. They know it nominally. With them it is merely the name of one of the schools of the country. But what that school is—what is its value—what is its relation to society and to the Church, and especially, what share they personally have in its fortunes, they have not troubled themselves to consider. To them it is *a* College—somebody's College; but that it is a part of their own estate is a circumstance they do not distinctly realize. They, accordingly, speak of it rather as *your* Institution than as their own. The support which the College receives will faithfully reflect the idea and the affection—how it is understood and how it is loved.

Now let all of our people clearly conceive of Randolph Macon, as an Institution of high grade, under the regulative influence of Christianity, for the thorough education of young men, and generously affording gratuitous instruction to the sons of our preachers and to those who are preparing for the work of the ministry, and they have before them an enterprise whose sacredness and importance they can hardly fail to appreciate. To advance the cause of truth among men, to enhance the value of our own ecclesiastical energies, to augment the virtue and intelligence of society, to arm living soldiers for God, and discipline young men for most effective duty, to multiply resources of wealth, power, and happiness, to give to the poor the means of independence, to afford the ministers of our Church an opportunity of instructing their sons in the best manner at but little expense. Surely to do these things by any single enterprise, is, to combine in one moment our energies for an imperative duty, an invaluable privilege, and a sacred interest.

What higher consideration could arouse our zeal? What nobler cause could withhold us from this work? If we can serve better ends, let them

be substituted. But cherish this fountain and we contribute to a stream whose branches divide among all our interests.

The love of good, honest, faithful, thorough education, hallowed and directed by the light of the Gospel, and the desire to promote the well-being of young manhood in our country, our State, our Church, and our own household, are affections worthy of the best Christians.

I have been amazed when I have beheld pious men, who unquestionably were devoted to the prosperity of their Church, and who toiled as ministers and as laymen to build up Zion, so strangely blind to the essential conditions of that progress and power which they labored diligently to secure. They are tempted to envy other Churches the very advantages they seem so slow to appreciate in their own.

But there is one point to which I desire your special attention: it is to the intrinsic excellence of the instruction you have provided in Randolph Macon. Of course you will not understand me as including myself when I congratulate you on the efficiency of the Faculty employed to serve you at Randolph Macon College.

Thorough, faithful teaching is not so common—so easily found as to lack special value. It is more rare than many who do not trouble themselves to look into the matter might suppose. It is a great mistake that you make if you suppose every graduate at a College is prepared to teach your children, and an equally great mistake to suppose that all who undertake to teach will do their work faithfully. No men seem to me to realize success in teaching except those who possess both talent and taste for this work specially. But besides talent and taste, they must also have learning in that branch of instruction at least to which they are devoted. I am sorry that in our own State it is not difficult to find schools that are generously patronized, filled with pupils taught by those who have but very superficial knowledge of the subjects they profess to teach, and who also lack talent and tact for the work of teaching. From such schools young men go out deceived. Perhaps the teacher was himself deceived, and thought he was doing very good work, only because he was reproducing a second edition of the school work done for him, when he was a badly taught boy.

Every institution where the work of instruction is done thoroughly feels the consequences of the indifference to such work which is shown by parents and guardians. Not reflecting upon the importance of clear, accurate, faithful teaching, and carried away by some flaming, showy advertisement, or governed by that false economy which sacrifices a young man's time and talents at an inferior school, because it is *cheap*, how many commit their children to teachers competent only to mis-educate them. Deprived of an education, while deluded with the name of it; taught and trained so defectively—drilled into the mental habit of superficial study so effectually—that their only intellectual discipline is into the mis-use of their faculties. Many young men are mortified when they discover that they have spent their labor for nought and their substance for that which was not bread. Attempting, at twenty years of age, to enter an institution where thorough scholarship is demanded, they are surprised and disheartened on finding out their own ignorance in respect to subjects on which they supposed themselves well-informed, and sooner than begin *de novo*, they abandon the hope of a collegiate education, or seek a diploma, that means nothing, from an institution that demands of them only small fees and smaller attainments.

Believing that good policy, as well as sound principle, demands faithful work, that the reputation for it is essential to our final success, we prefer to suffer a temporary unpopularity, if need be, and abide the sure reward which the coming time will bring us, and which nothing will be able to take from us. By such fidelity we hope the prosperity of Randolph Macon shall be deeply rooted and grow firmly.

Three years ago, under trying circumstances, and with slender means, the reorganization of Randolph Macon, at a new location, was the experiment by which the Board of Trustees hoped to save the existence of the Institution, and coincide with the condition of prosperity which the Virginia Conference had, from year to year, indicated by explicit resolutions.

In three sessions the number of students has increased from forty to one hundred and twenty-six.

After a fair trial, I am entirely satisfied your College is now so advanta-

geously located that I doubt if any site in the State of Virginia would answer your purposes better.

Having lived in various parts of the State, I regard Ashland as the *most healthy place* in which I have ever resided; and believe, from the seaboard to the mountains, no locality can be found to surpass it in its remarkable freedom from influences that are generative of disease. It is free from the miasma of the low country, and from the typhoid fever pertaining to the higher regions of the State.

It is as remarkable for accessibility as for health. Centrally located in relation to our own Conference, it is at the same time specially convenient for patronage from the Baltimore and North Carolina Conferences—with *six* passenger trains passing through it every day, on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Road, and *four* on the Chesapeake and Ohio Road, only five miles distant, and sufficiently near to Richmond to afford us every suburban advantage. We could hardly wish a circumstance favorable to the location of our College that Ashland does not possess.

We find the buildings at Ashland have answered our purposes admirably, with but a single exception, which is in the size of the literary halls. But we are now seeking to devise a plan by which to remedy this single defect and furnish the societies with more commodious halls.

At your last session you not only gave in the form of resolutions your moral support cordially to the College, but you also initiated plans for increasing its income, and also for aiding young men who are preparing for the ministry, and I am sure that whatever you regard necessary, either in respect to the effective working of those plans, or to their substitution by other methods, you will generously comprehend in your action during the present session.

In its moral and religious aspects Randolph Macon must interest you very deeply. By God's blessing you may make it a vital centre of Christian influence, from which, through successive generations of young men, currents of intelligent piety may be distributed throughout your territory.

Twenty-six young men are now at College earnestly seeking to prepare themselves for the work of the ministry. I cannot over-estimate the sacredness of our responsibility to God for the manner in which we cherish and aid those that we believe have been called of God to the work of preaching the Gospel.

Now, brethren, it is for such an institution that we invoke a generous patronage. It is for such an institution that we invoke your prayers and labors. If it be unworthy of you, refuse to sustain it. It deserves no life by mere sufferance. If it be an unfruitful tree in your vineyard, cut it down. But if it be what it claims to be, I can hardly exaggerate your obligations to cherish it. Its success must be the prosperity of that intelligence and that piety to which Christian men and ministers devote their lives.

What share, individually and collectively, will you take in the building of this temple of Christian Education? What stone will you uplift to its walls? What part will you take in filling it with glory? Its destiny is in your hands. It will be whatever you determine to make it. Only let the Virginia and Baltimore Conferences, in whose care the Institution is now placed, appreciate and sustain it with the zeal it merits, and we may look forward with perfect confidence to the bright future of Randolph Macon College. We are able to do all that is needful for its highest success; for we have a people within our bounds who already begin to recover from the prostration of war, and whose children number thousands. The young men of our Church look to us to superintend their training for the life-work they are to perform. Unless we counsel them better many of them will be but poorly educated, if educated at all. But others will have an education, and that, too, of the best kind they can get, whether we provide for it or not. Obtaining it through the liberality of other Churches, or from institutions belonging to Christian people who appreciate the importance of such things, will such recipients of benefits be likely to form no preferences for their benefactors? Lost to us, they will be strength to others; and while our sons go from us we shall grow weaker. We can ill-afford to spare from our Church the educative might of young manhood. When I look around upon the army of young men that are ready to receive their direction of life from us, to take the word of command and the

order of march from our lips, for myself I feel like calling more earnestly than ever on the God of Wisdom to help me, lest I fail of my share in the holy task; and I envy that wealth which I see might be consecrated to the promotion of objects like these; and I glory in that zeal which I behold some of you so nobly illustrate, and with delightful hope picture to myself a day to come when our sons shall be glorified with a wisdom and strength that shall reflect honor on the graves of their fathers.

Much as we may have done, what greater things than these can we do, if we have faith only as a grain of mustard seed! The possibilities before us as a Church are magnificent.

Having provided for the best teaching, on the lowest terms compatible with our circumstances, we may count it rather ungenerous that any of our own people should fail to appreciate our work or withhold from us such help as they are able to give.

Our sons have but a little while—a few years at most—in which to drill their faculties for life's battle-field. What we do for them in furtherance of this end must be done quickly, and ought to be done well.

To compass as much as possible at the smallest possible cost, to teach as thoroughly and as comprehensively as may be needful, and yet employ but few officers; this has imposed on the Professors an amount of labor that only comparatively young men—and men well qualified—can perform. Yet this we must do for you, and this is done for you, because you are poor. But we can yet do more, if you will only agree to it: for your resources of faith and your means to enlarge our facilities of instruction are not exhausted. How many of us can say, conscientiously, we have done all that we could do to promote this enterprise of the Church? The very life of Christianity is love. It is glorious in its generosity, and God loveth a cheerful giver. When we give we grow, and we must, as Christians, give away talents, time, money, strength, and even life itself, as daily sacrifices to the glory of the truth and the good of mankind. Shall we then be poorer in the ratio in which we lay up such treasures in heaven?

If I did not believe that this work I ask the Church to sustain was God's work; if I did not believe that the share in Christian education we take was sanctioned by the whole spirit of Christianity; if I did not believe that a sacred obligation was laid on us to supervise and direct that youthful life to whose fruit the Church looks with so much hope; if I did not believe that Randolph Macon College was serving immortal interests and glorifying the Divine Master, as I am a man and a minister of Jesus I would not be found within its walls, nor would I stand here to urge upon the representatives of my people such things as I now say. But I am deeply in earnest in this matter, and I trust also your hearts are with me as mine is in this cause of Christ.

Humbly hoping that what I have said may contribute somewhat to the furtherance of the College, it is respectfully submitted.

JAS. A. DUNCAN."

The amount necessary to defray the expenses of the College the present year is *eleven thousand* (\$11,000) dollars. To meet this, the income from students' fees amounts to six thousand five hundred (\$6,500) dollars. This leaves four thousand five hundred (\$4,500) dollars to be raised by the two Conferences patronizing the Institution. A similar deficiency was reported to the last Conference, and twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars were assessed to the Virginia Conference, and the same amount to the Baltimore Conference, as a supplement to the income of the Institution. Of this amount the Baltimore Conference have as yet paid nothing. The Joint Board of Finance of the Virginia Conference will report but eleven hundred and forty-five dollars and forty-six cents (\$1,145.46) of the amount of its assessment. Unless the Church respond more liberally to this appeal it will be impossible to maintain the credit of Randolph Macon College.

Wesleyan Female College, located at Murfreesboro', North Carolina, under the able management of Rev. Paul Whitehead, President, numbers ninety-one matriculates for the present collegiate year, with encouraging prospects of an increase of this number. Rev. W. B. Rowzie, the agent appointed by the last Conference, has faithfully prosecuted his labors.

during the year, resulting in nearly five thousand dollars raised by him to liquidate the debts incurred before the war. This, a Conference Institution of high grade of scholarship, is thoroughly Methodist, and enjoys a degree of health unsurpassed in the history of similar collegiate establishments.

The Committee would call attention to the resolutions adopted by the Conference in regard to the dangerous tendency of Roman Catholic schools, and the importance to the Church that our own schools alone should be universally patronized by our people. We have female schools of the highest grade in Norfolk under the care of Rev. R. M. Saunders; in Petersburg under Wm. T. Davis, Esq., and Maj. R. W. Jones; in Richmond under Messrs. Edwards & Parham; in Lynchburg under Jno. E. Christian, Esq.; and one to be opened in Danville, and another in Farmville. These furnish every facility to the Methodists of these sections for the education of their daughters.

The exhibit of the President of the Board of Managers of the Young Preachers' Educational Fund shows that five young men have been under the care of this Association, while others are waiting the increased ability of the Board to avail themselves of its help in preparing to enter the ministry of the Church. The income of the Society for the past year was \$1,347.00; its expenditures \$989.17—leaving a balance on hand of \$357.83. The Methodists of Virginia cannot too highly esteem the labors of those who are prosecuting this enterprise, nor can a better appropriation of funds be made than by contributing to its success.

The Committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That we regard Randolph Macon College as inseparably connected with the success of our Church, and recommend it to the patronage and support of all our people.

Resolved, 2d. That, as the income of the Institution is not sufficient to meet its expenses, the Joint Board of Finance be directed to apportion among the several Districts of the Conference the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000), and that the Church be exhorted to raise the same as early as possible the coming year.

Resolved, 3d. That inasmuch as Wesleyan Female College is peculiarly a Conference Institution, it is deserving of especial notice and commendation, and we hereby present it to our people at large as an Institution eminently worthy of their patronage; and that we request the Conference to reappoint Rev. Wm. B. Rowzie as its agent.

Resolved, 4th. That we commend to the patronage of our people the other female schools of the Church, which have been named in the body of this report, as in every respect deserving of encouragement and support.

Resolved, 5th. That we commend the zealous prosecution of the aims of the Young Preachers' Educational Fund, and congratulate the Board of Managers on the success which has attended their efforts.

Resolved, 6th. That we shall hail with greater pleasure the successful establishment of the Board in the confidence of the people as shall be evinced by the increased number of adult subscribers who shall contribute to its treasury.

C. H. HALL, *Chairman*.

CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD.

The Conference Mission Board report that the appropriations made by the last Conference for the benefit of the various fields of labor aided by Domestic Mission funds, exceeded by \$1,115.98 the amount of money in the hands of the Treasurer at the close of the Conference. This excess has first to be paid out of the receipts for the year just now at its close, before we can determine the amount in hand to be disposed of for the incoming year.

The Conference Domestic Mission Board authorized the Presiding Elder of the Charlottesville District to apply all the funds raised in his District

for Domestic Missions, over and above what was necessary to pay the appropriation made for the benefit of Goochland Circuit, to the aid of the Rev. John Bailey, who was reported to be on a charge entirely unable to support a pastor with a family.

The Local Domestic Mission Board for the city of Richmond and Manchester, as authorized by the Conference, employed all the funds raised in the city for the support of the pastor in charge of Sidney, Oregon and Rocketts.

Petersburg, by the same authority, employed a large portion of the funds raised by the churches of the city in support of its city and suburban missions.

Most of the pastoral charges aided by Domestic Mission funds have made their statistical reports to the Secretary of the Conference and not to the Domestic Mission Board.

The Blue Ridge Mission, in the bounds of the Charlottesville District, has been re-established during the past year and sustained without any expense to the Board. The Rev. Alpheus Edwards was employed by the Presiding Elder to take charge of this mission, and he reports on the mission two houses of worship, 161 members, two Sunday Schools, 115 scholars, two superintendents and seven teachers. He further reports \$241.70 (including \$150 paid by Mr. Sam'l O. Moon) raised on the mission. The labors of the missionary were blest in the conversion of ninety-one souls. This mission can be sustained next year by very little aid from the Board, as Mr. S. Moon, son of Sam'l O. Moon, deceased, proposes to take the place of his father as the patron of this mission.

CURRITUCK MISSION.

Rev. B. H. Jarvis, who has had charge of the Currituck Mission, reports a membership of 375, six churches, six Sunday Schools, 125 scholars, and twenty-five teachers. He has received into the Church during the year fifteen members and baptized fifteen adults. He represents the spiritual condition of the church as being good, and thinks the prospects encouraging for increased prosperity on the mission. This is an old mission field, and we regret that it has not become self-supporting.

LEESVILLE MISSION.

Rev. J. S. Hunter reports: There are three church buildings on this field of labor and three classes, whose membership, in the aggregate, amounted to seventy-six when I was assigned to its charge in March, 1870. In addition to these preaching-places, I established three others, where we held religious services for a few months. It is highly gratifying to be able to report that the Sunday School interest on this mission has, during this year, increased nearly a *hundred* per cent. As to revivals, we were blessed with an outpouring of the Spirit at two of our churches, resulting in the conversion of thirty-five persons and in the addition of twenty-six to our Church, thus increasing our membership about thirty-three per cent. I succeeded in raising funds (together with a sum to be realized from the sale of a small piece of church property), to buy an excellent church, worth a thousand dollars, located at Leesville, the most important point on the mission, where also I established a class, in lieu of one at an old broken-down church on the mission.

SECOND STREET, PORTSMOUTH.

Brother Allen says: I found seventy-eight members on the roll. We have had two gracious revivals—fifty-eight conversions, and fifty-six have been added to the Church. We have raised, for all objects, nearly \$300 more than for two or three previous years. The present condition of the entire Church is not only a healthy, but a growing one. An appropriation of the same amount one more year will, I believe, place the church on an independent footing.

We have no other special reports to make of our Domestic Mission work.

After the present session of our Conference we shall work under the new organization of the Parent Mission Board, taking up missionary collec-

tions in one fund and retaining sixty per cent. of all collected in the Conference for our own mission work. The old Domestic Mission Board of the Conference, and the Local Boards authorized by the Conference being disbanded, and the whole work turned over to the Conference Mission Board, as provided for by the new Constitution of the Missionary Board, adopted by the late General Conference, and as constituted and ordered by the present session of the Virginia Conference.

The Board, in Conference with Presiding Bishop of the present session of our Conference, have made the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

Williamsburg.....	\$200
Sidney and Oregon.....	400
Piedmont Mission.....	100
Leesville Mission.....	100
Big Island.....	50
Ringold and Banister.....	150
Dan River.....	100
Wesleyan and Mineral Spring.....	150
Clarksville.....	100
Ettricks.....	200
Dare Mission.....	100
Hampton.....	200
Second Street (Portsmouth).....	200
Washington Point (Norfolk).....	400
Culpeper Circuit.....	200
King George.....	200
German Mission.....	600
Total.....	\$3,450

After paying the appropriations in full for the past year, and applying the money contributed at the Anniversary Meeting, held on Monday night of the present session of our Conference, for the benefit of a special case, we have \$660 in the treasury. In view of the urgent demands upon our funds for the coming year, we doubt whether the ten per cent. usually paid over to the Parent Board should be forwarded to Nashville. The money on hand will not pay the first quarterly installment on the appropriations made for the coming year, and if ten per cent. on our gross receipts for Domestic Missions be paid out, it will leave but a trifle in the treasury.

Resolved, That, with the approval of the Conference, we assess the amount necessary for the support of missions for the next year upon the Districts, in proportion to their comparative ability, to be re-assessed by the District Stewards upon the circuits and stations on the same principle.

Resolved, That \$6,000 be assessed, as follows :

Richmond District.....	\$900
Petersburg ".....	900
Norfolk ".....	900
Lynchburg ".....	800
Farmville ".....	600
Murfreesboro ".....	600
Charlottesville District.....	500
Danville ".....	400
Rappahannock ".....	400
Total.....	\$6,000

Resolved, That we request the Presiding Bishop to appoint Rev. E. N. S. Blogg Superintendent of German Missions within the bounds of the Virginia and Baltimore Conferences.

Resolved, That we approve of the establishment of a mission in the city of Portsmouth and its vicinity, under the management of the Presiding Elder of the Norfolk District.

J. E. EDWARDS,
Chairman.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools report the following :

Recognizing the truth of former utterances of this Conference in regard to the great value of appropriate religious instruction for children, we congratulate the Church upon the success which has attended our agencies. Surely we can "thank God and take courage." Statistical evidence shows large increase of pupils and teachers in the Sabbath Schools of most of our districts—decrease in none. Gratifying information is also received as to spiritual results. Conversions not a few have gladdened the hearts of teachers and superintendents. In one church, fourteen out of fifteen converts were Sabbath School scholars! Continued efficiency and zeal (as God has promised to bless honest toil in his cause) can but result in making numerous transformations to the glory of our Heavenly Father—hastening the period when "the wilderness and solitary place shall be glad, and the desert shall bloom and blossom as the rose."

But to promote efficiency we must point out remaining defects as well as remark upon past success. Evidently a point has not yet been reached at which we may rest satisfied. Complaints come to us from many places of a lack of interest in this cause, manifested by those who profess to love God—of an indisposition to make sufficient sacrifice of time and means to secure the highest standard of excellence. Your committee would unhesitatingly aver that no Christian discharges his duty to the rising generation who refuses to give *time* and, if he has it, money, to such objects as are contemplated in the enterprise under consideration. No teacher can meet the demands of the work who fails to prepare himself, by previous study, for the duty of the school hour. A non-recognition of this truth, or a failure to act upon it, we believe to be the chief cause of failure where failure has been witnessed. It is therefore urged upon all our Sabbath School officers and teachers to make diligent preparation during the week for Sabbath duty. Take time for it. The reward will abundantly repay. Teachers' meetings should be held as often as possible for mutual encouragement and instruction. Thus, and thus alone, will inefficiency be corrected.

Your committee find that our Sunday School literature has hitherto been but partially circulated. Improvement in this respect is very desirable. To secure it, we hope our preachers and Sabbath School workers will make earnest appeals in every neighborhood. The periodical publications of our house in Nashville are now all that we can ask as to literary character and adaptation to our wants. Information, furnished by Rev. Dr. Haygood, Sunday School Secretary, is sufficient to satisfy us that in the future our Sabbath Schools can be supplied with literature second to none in the land, and at a cost even less than similar publications have ever before been furnished by secular or religious press. We call special attention of preachers and people to the November number of the *Sunday School Visitor*, which contains an elaborate description of the plans for 1871. The one lesson system, so frequently recommended by our Sunday School Society, and endorsed by the General Conference and Bishops of our Church, but which has been adopted in but few of our schools, owing to the high price of the requisites, can, we think, be secured at a very trifling cost, by a liberal patronage of the aforementioned publications.

The lesson papers proposed as premiums for subscriptions to the *Sunday School Magazine* are just what we need for the introduction of the system of uniform lessons, while the Magazine itself will meet a want long felt by us. Its price, too, may challenge comparison. Surely we will be inexcusable if so favorable an opportunity pass unimproved.

Your committee would not fail to urge upon all parties engaged in the great work of Sabbath instruction, the importance of keeping steadily in view the primary object of the whole enterprise—the *salvation* of the children. It is deemed of importance to guard against the degeneracy of our exercises into mere entertainments. If musical talent be cultivated (and we would encourage it earnestly), let it be employed to promote religious impression. A word or two in reference to the sentiment of each hymn should follow the enjoyment of the music. Let not the idea enter the

child's mind that he is sent to the church merely to improve in voice or science. Delight—but instruct; Entertain—but be sure to try to save.

The importance of keeping up exercises during Winter is not overlooked. Actual experiment has demonstrated its practicability. Even in sparsely settled localities, *organization* at least may be preserved, thus largely facilitating the work of the Spring. We urge attention to this matter throughout our Conference.

The use of good catechisms in our schools should not be disregarded in our advocacy of the improved modes of instruction before alluded to. The latter need, and ought not, to exclude the former. In this connection we rejoice to be able to state that we may expect a new and improved catechism to be issued at Nashville. It will, we think, meet a want long felt by us as to means of instruction on the history, doctrine, and government of our Church.

Information in relation to efficiency of the General Agent appointed by Bishop Doggett at the last session of this Conference, has been received. A good work has been done, and the prospect for still greater results in the future decidedly flattering. The continuance of the agency and the re-appointment of brother John G. Rowe, we hereby recommend.

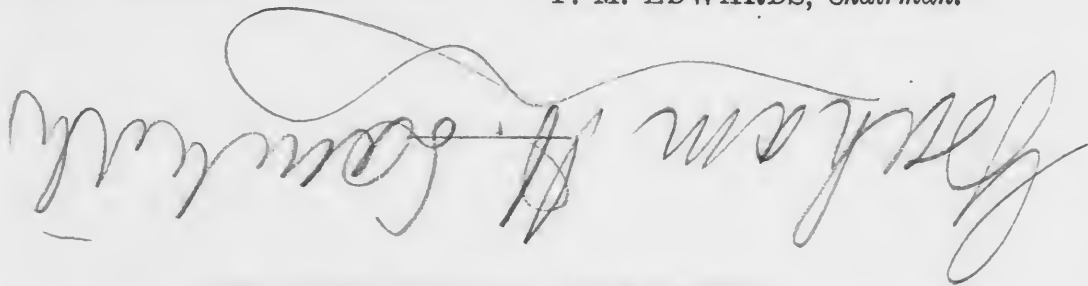
The following resolutions are offered for adoption:

Resolved, That, as members of this Conference, we will endeavor to promote the recommendation of the foregoing report.

Resolved, That we will co-operate, as far as practicable, with the Sabbath School Society in the effort to support the General Agent.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

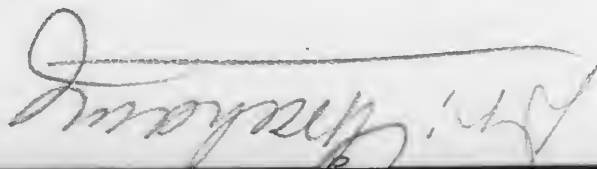


ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

The circulation of religious literature has been a most important part of the work of Methodism from its foundation. In England, Mr. Wesley was as diligent in circulating good books as he was in preaching the Gospel; and the example of the great leader stimulated all his co-laborers. The Methodist people were well supplied with that class of books which powerfully helped to build them up in the faith, and to guide them in the practice of religious duties. To this, in conjunction with sound and solid doctrinal preaching, we are to attribute the clear experience and the firm faith of the earlier methodists. The writings of Wesley, and Fletcher, and Benson, and Clarke, and Watson made up the staple of their theological reading, and fortified by these great thinkers, they were ready to give to every man a reason for the hope that was in them.

In this country the plans of Wesley were zealously adopted by the early preachers, and the supply of the people with religious books was one of the main duties of a Methodist itinerant. In every household, of even moderate means, the leading theological works of the Church were found, and not as ornaments to the centre-table, but as books to be studied with earnestness and prayer. Out of the men who drew their inspiration and their knowledge from the Bible and these works, arose a body of teachers to bless the Church, whose appearance we might well pray for in these latter days—we mean the Methodist class leaders of the past generation. If they now moved among us in their hearty faith, fervent zeal, and abundant labors, we should feel the return of a day of spiritual power in all our churches.

The free circulation of our best religious books has been like leaven among the masses of our people. Every person that reads at all has felt the direct and positive benefit that arises from contact with an earnest,



thoughtful, devout mind, imbued with the Spirit of Christ, and burning with love for perishing sinners. "He being dead, yet speaketh," may be written of every man who has sent forth a stirring and love-inspired book. "Alleine's Alarm," "Baxter's Call," "Fletcher's Appeal," "Doddridge's Rise and Progress," "Bunyan's Pilgrim," and kindred writings, are books which have aroused the hearts of men to a degree that eternity alone can reveal. A good book is a silent power in every household, and he who places it there plants a seed that often yields a hundred fold. Even the smallest tract may contain the power of God unto salvation. In a foreign land the celebrated Dr. Judson heard that in a miserable hut a man had just died in peace, trusting in a new religion. On entering the house he found the dead man, holding in his hands, clasped on his lifeless heart, a Christian tract, which alone had revealed to him a Saviour, and opened before him a blessed immortality. This is but one case out of thousands that illuminate the annals of the Church of God.

Let no man think lightly of this work, and especially let no minister of Christ exclude the circulation of good books from the sphere of pastoral labor. It is a most important part of the preacher's work. Even the Apostles found it needful to stir up the minds of the early Christians by means of those epistles which are among our richest legacies.

Your committee are gratified to learn from the Exhibit of the Book Agent that our Publishing House is now better prepared than at any former period to meet the demand of the Church for a varied and sound religious literature. Under the laborious and skillful management of Dr. Redford, it has been relieved of debt, and has before it a career of great usefulness. It is particularly gratifying to learn that it is the fixed purpose of the Agent to reduce, as rapidly as possible, the price of all our publications, and to put them up in the style that will be equal to that of any other house in this country. The hymn book, which, as to price and binding, have been heavily complained of, will receive the special attention of the agent, and our people may feel assured that all grounds of complaint will be speedily removed.

One of our great wants we must urge upon the notice of the Publishing House, and that is some better plan for supplying our people in this portion of our work with the publications of the Church. The want of this, as well as the limited catalogue of our Sunday School books, have diverted many thousands of dollars from our House, and sent the patronage of the Church to build up other publishing houses.

We are gratified to know from the Sunday School Secretary, who has added so much interest to this Conference by his presence and addresses, that our utmost wishes in this respect will be met.

With the periodicals now published by the Church, and those to be added in a short time, we can supply every class of readers. From the child's paper, for the infant class, to the able and ponderous quarterly, for the theologian—we shall be equal to all the demands of the age.

We would call the attention of our preachers to the great duty of urging our people to take the Church papers. No religious family should be without a religious periodical; and we must give our people line upon line, and precept upon precept, until we bring them to a proper sense of their duty on this subject.

In our own Conference we have a paper which has been published among us for nearly forty years. To the *Richmond Christian Advocate* our people should give a liberal and sustaining patronage, and this paper should be the first upon the list of papers taken by the people of the Virginia Conference.

Your committee beg to offer the following resolutions for the consideration of the Conference.

Whereas we have heard from time to time of the increasing prosperity of our Publishing House, under the able management of Dr. A. H. Redford, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we congratulate Dr. Redford and his coadjutors, as well as the entire Church, upon the fact that we have now within our bounds an institution capable of supplying our people with a sound religious literature.

Resolved, 2. That while we feel gratified with the possession of such an

institution, we are satisfied that our people in the Southeastern portion of our work *never* can be adequately supplied with its publications without the aid of a depository located somewhere within convenient reach.

Resolved, 3. That we recognize the Richmond *Christian Advocate*, edited and published by Rev. W. W. Bennett, as the long-established and able organ of the M. E. Church, *South*, within the bounds of this Conference ; a journal which has peculiar claims to the patronage of our people, and is eminently deserving of a place in every Methodist household, and we hereby promise to renew our exertions to extend its circulation.

Resolved, 4. That we do most cordially recommend the periodicals issued by our Publishing House; and would call especial attention to the *Nashville Christian Advocate*, edited by T. O. Summers, D. D., and the *New Monthly Magazine*, edited by W. P. Harrison, D. D.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. W. BENNETT, *Chairman.*

ON THE RELIGIOUS INTERESTS OF THE COLORED
PEOPLE.

The committee to whom was referred the Religious Interests of the Colored People within the bounds of the Virginia Conference, regard this subject as one in which we cannot feel too deep an interest, or display too much energy. The colored people, numbering 400,000 in the State, form a large part of our population. They are invested with all the rights and privileges of citizenship, and bear the responsibility of immortal beings. Yet they are but partially instructed in their duties to God and to man. They are necessarily dependent on the white race for their social and religious, not to say their political development. They are poor, and the minds of many are darkened by sin or infected by degrading superstitions. They must be enlightened. They must be saved. They must be elevated in character, to act well their part in life. It is admitted the work is delicate and difficult. But no delicacy in its character, no difficulty in its accomplishment will justify us in standing aloof. Before the change in their relations, produced by the late war, our Church showed a commendable zeal, liberality and spirit of sacrifice in her efforts to lead them to Christ. It was her grand missionary work. Numbers of her ministers sleep the long sleep of death in the soil where these people cultivated the rice and cotton fields of the South. The means of carrying on the work among them, were then liberally contributed, because we felt we were responsible to God for their moral and religious improvement. Has our responsibility ceased, or been taken away, by reason of their changed circumstances? No intelligent Christian can reach such a conclusion. Where is still our great missionary work? It is here. Nearly 4,000,000 of souls, for whose conversion God holds us in some degree responsible, are living within the bounds of the Southern Methodist Church. "Watchman, what of the night?" Southern Methodists, where is your zeal for God? Are you using a due proportion of your influence, your time, and your means in this department of the Master's work? We must not be dismayed by difficulty or become discouraged by small success. Remember God has said, "My word shall not return unto me void."

Africa is to be at last the beneficiary of this grand movement, inaugurated by the General Conference, and in which we are required to take part. Causes, silent and potential, are surely working out the problem, how that dark region of the earth is to be illumined and made vocal with the theme

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which angels bend to consider, and over which Seraphim in heaven and saints on earth are pouring the tide of song.

We may reasonably hope that, in a few years—through the working of the Colonization Society and other agencies—a vast number of educated Christians, ministers, and others from among the colored people, will gladly go forward to evangelize their fatherland. Shall we not bear a part in this noble work? We can, we must, yea, we will, until regenerated Africa shall shout, “Unto Him that hath loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God—unto Him be praise and dominion forever.” God be praised for that which has been accomplished in the South and West in the organization of colored Conferences, and we earnestly urge prompt, wise and liberal action on the part of the Virginia Conference in conjunction with the North Carolina Conference, in the organization of a colored Conference.

Your committee have reason to believe that enough ministers can be secured to begin the work now and we believe it will be done.

We submit for your adoption the following resolutions, viz :

Resolved, 1. That the presiding Bishop be requested to organize promptly, a colored Conference, to embrace the territory within the Virginia and North Carolina Conferences, and that he appoint the place of meeting at some point near the line between said Conferences.

Resolved, 2. That the Bishop, if he deem it wise, appoint a member of this, or of the North Carolina Conference, to superintend and aid in its organization, and otherwise promote this work.

Resolved, 3. That the Presiding Elders and ministers be requested promptly to report to the Bishop, through the Superintendent, the names of all colored ministers who will become members of this Conference of colored preachers.

Resolved, 4. That the ministers be requested to do all they can to build up our Church among the colored people.

Resolved, 5. That the ministers of this Conference be requested to seek those young colored men who are called to preach, and take them under their care and instruction, so as to qualify them for their great work.

Resolved, 6. That Rev. Wm. B. Rowzie, D’Arcy Paul and David Dugger be appointed an Executive to fix the salary of the Superintendent which shall be assessed to the several Presiding Elders’ Districts, and to receive and disburse the moneys collected, and report to the next session of this Conference.

ROBERT O. BURTON,
Chairman.

ON UNION WITH THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. L. M. Lee, from the committee appointed at the last session of the Conference to confer with a like committee of the Methodist Protestant Conference, presented, as his report, the following

EXTRACT

from the minutes of the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, held in the city of Norfolk, Va., commencing Nov. 3d, and closing Nov. 7th, 1870:

Rev. Wm. A. Crocker, the special messenger from this Conference at its session in Lynchburg, 1869, to the Virginia Annual Conference of the M.

E. Church, South, at its meeting in the city of Richmond, 1869, made a report. After which, Rev. L. M. Lee, D. D., the chairman of the committee appointed by the Virginia Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South, to confer with a committee of the Virginia Annual Conference, M. P. Church, in regard to an union of the Conferences, was introduced to the Conference, and stated the object of his mission, and his readiness, when it might please the Conference, to enter upon its duties. He expressed his regret because of the absence of his colleagues, Rev. G. W. Langhorne and Richard M. Smith. The former was necessarily detained at home, and the latter had died during the year. But he stated that J. C. Deming, Esq., alternate of R. M. Smith, and Rev. P. A. Peterson (whom he had requested to serve) would be united with him in conducting the negotiations.

On motion of Rev. Wm. A. Crocker, a committee of three was appointed by the President to confer with Dr. Lee and his associates. The committee consisted of Rev. Wm. A. Crocker, Rev. F. A. Davis, and General H. B. Woodhouse.

After a conference between the two committees, the following report was presented, and after discussion, adopted, viz:

Rev. W. A. Crocker, chairman of the committee appointed to confer with the committee from the M. E. Church, South, on the question of union, after a few introductory remarks applicable to the subject, presented the following report for adoption by the Conference:

The undersigned, a committee appointed by this Conference to confer with the committee appointed by the Virginia Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, to visit our body, and to arrange a plan of effecting the proposed union of the two Conferences, beg leave to report: that they have had an interview with said committee, and are authorized by them to present to this Conference, in the name of the Virginia Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, which they represent, the following proposition:

PROPOSITION OF THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,

To the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN—The committee appointed by the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at its last session, held in the city of Richmond, Va, November, 1869, in response to a communication from your body, presented through Rev. Wm. A. Crocker, submit to you the following proposition:

There being now no inseparable bar to a formal and corporate union of the two bodies, we propose a union with your ministers, itinerant and local, and your members, each in their several relations, and entitled to all the rights and privileges common to our ministers and members, under the Discipline of the M. E. Church, South.

LEROY M. LEE, P. A. PETERSON, J. C. DEMING,	}	Committee.
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In view of the above propositions, your committee would submit for the adoption of this Conference, the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, this Conference, at its last session, held in the city of Lynchburg, November, 1869, did, by an unanimous vote, adopt the following resolutions, viz:

“Whereas, this Conference has, during its present session, received from the Presiding Bishop and Board of Elders of the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the assurance that an affiliation and incorporation of our respective churches in Virginia would meet with their cordial approval and in their opinion with the approval of their Conference; therefore,

Resolved, That we accept this assurance of the Bishop and his Board of Elders as expressive of the views and sentiments of that Conference. But in the present condition of affairs which besets us,

Resolved, That our true policy is to maintain, under the help of God, our present organization. And that entertaining now the same views on the subject of a general corporate union with the Methodist Episcopal Church

South which we have heretofore declared; and regarding the basis of union proposed by the Commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church South to our convention at Montgomery, as acceptable, we memorialize our approaching General Conference with a view to an early consummation of that corporate union.

Resolved, That if our General Conference shall fail to enter upon a negotiation with a view to a corporate church union, then we will feel ourselves at liberty to inaugurate a separate conference church action upon the subject, and shall not unnecessarily delay to do so."

And whereas, The General Conference did fail to enter upon a negotiation with a view to a corporate church union, and therefore the contingency upon which the action of this Conference aforesaid was based having arisen; and whereas a considerable majority of our churches and people have, through their Quarterly Conferences, expressed their concurrence in the action of our Annual Conference above cited; therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference accept, as satisfactory, the terms of union proposed by the Commissioners of the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Resolved, That a committee, of which the President of this Conference shall be chairman, be instructed to proceed to the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which convenes in the city of Lynchburg on the 9th instant, to arrange with the said Conference all the details necessary to carry into immediate and full effect the corporate union of the two Conferences aforesaid.

W. A. CROCKER,	} Committee.
F. A. DAVIS,	
H. B. WOODHOUSE,	

[The committee provided for in the last resolution was composed of Rev. J. G. Whitfield, (President of the Conference), Chairman; Rev. R. B. Thomson, Rev. Wm. McGee, Rev. Wm. A. Crocker, and Jas. Carson, Esq.]

ON ORGANIZATION OF A SOCIETY FOR RELIEF OF THE PREACHERS OF THE CONFERENCE, THEIR FAMILIES, &c., &c.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the said Conference, at their session in November, 1869, "To obtain an act of incorporation from the State of North Carolina for a society with power to receive moneys and bequests, purchase endowments, annuities and insurance and appropriate the same for the benefit of the members of the said Virginia Conference, and report to the next Conference for their approval," respectfully report, that through their chairman (John R. Kilby) a charter was obtained from the Legislature of North Carolina, in accordance with the resolution of Conference, which your Committee deem sufficient for the purposes indicated, which charter is annexed.

That in pursuance of said charter, the Directors therein named (or a sufficient number,) met in Murfreesboro, North Carolina, on the 25th of February, 1870, and organized, as will be seen by a copy of their proceedings annexed.

That the said Directors, at their adjourned meeting, on the 19th day of July, 1870, held in Murfreesboro, adopted a set of By-Laws and Regulations, which your committee approve, and a copy of which are annexed.

Your committee consider that the charter, and proceedings had in pursuance of it, are well calculated to obtain the great object had in view by the Conference, and cordially recommend to Conference the ratification of all that has been done, and to appoint the Directors as provided for in said charter.

JOHN R. KILBY, *Chairman.*

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SEC. I. That John R. Kilby, of Suffolk, Virginia; Jesse J. Yeates and the Rev. Paul Whitehead, of Murfreesboro, North Carolina; James L. B. Hathaway, of Edenton, North Carolina; Rev. Alexander G. Brown, of Lynchburg, Virginia; Joseph C. Deming, of Norfolk, Virginia; Asa Snyder, of Richmond, Virginia, and George M. Bain, Jr., of Portsmouth, Va., and their successors in office, be, and they are hereby made a body corporate and politic, by the name of "The Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and their Families, their Widows and Orphans," and by that name may hold property, real and personal, to an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars; and may sue, and be sued, and have a common seal.

SEC. II. That the said corporation shall have power to receive subscriptions in money, or other things, and may receive donations by will, or otherwise, for the purpose of said corporation, and invest, or otherwise dispose of and use the same for the promotion of the objects of said corporation.

SEC. III. The annual meeting of said corporation shall be held in the town of Murfreesboro, in the State of North Carolina, at such time as the Directors of said corporation shall determine; but called meetings of said Directors may be held at such other places, in or out of the State of North Carolina, as may be desired.

SEC. IV. Until otherwise ordered by the corporation, the officers shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and the office of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined in one person, who may be a Director, or some other person, as the Directors may select.

SEC. V. The said corporation shall have power to purchase endowments, annuities, and make insurances on lives, for the benefit of said corporation, or any of its beneficiaries.

SEC. VI. The said corporation shall have power to make such by-laws, and rules and regulations for its government, and the management and disposition of its funds, as from time to time may be deemed proper; and until such regulations shall be made, and otherwise direct, the Rev. Paul Whitehead shall be the President, and John R. Kilby the Secretary and Treasurer of said corporation.

SEC. VII. The said corporation shall have not less than five, nor more than nine Directors, from whom the President shall annually be chosen by the Directors which Directors shall hold until their successors are appointed and enter on the duties of their office.

SEC. VIII. The said Directors shall annually be chosen by the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and a certificate of whose appointment shall be furnished them, and which shall be entered on the records of the said corporation, two of which Directors, at least, shall reside in North Carolina.

SEC. IX. The said corporation shall keep a record of their proceedings, and of all moneys received, and how disposed of, which shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the said Conference.

SEC. X. This charter shall continue in force for ninety years, and may be extended at the pleasure of the General Assembly of North Carolina.

SEC. XI. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

BY-LAWS.

1st. The annual meeting of said society shall be held in Murfreesboro, North Carolina, on the 23d day of February in each year.

2d. Called meetings of said society may be had at any time or place, on the call of the President or Secretary of said society, or any two of the Directors.

3d. Any three of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for transacting the business of the society.

4th. The Directors shall, at their annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, elect a President, and Secretary and Treasurer.

5th. The Directors of said society, to be elected annually by the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall enter upon the discharge of their duties on the 23d day of February, annually.

6th. The President, Directors, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and enter on the duties of their office.

7th. The Secretary shall keep the proceedings of the society in a well-bound book, and carry on such correspondence and discharge all other duties pertaining to his office.

8th. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys, and invest the same for the said society in United States Government Bonds, the interest payable in gold, and shall make a report of his transactions to the society at their annual meeting in February; and shall also prepare a statement, showing the general condition of said society, and present the same to any meeting of the society that may be held at the session of said Conference; or if no such meeting, then to the Conference; and shall keep his accounts in suitable books, subject to the inspection of the Directors at all times, and shall make such investment of the funds as the Directors may order.

9th. The income of said society shall from time to time be applied by said Directors to the objects of said society, as provided for in their charter; and the said Conference and its Finance Committee are requested to make such recommendations to said society for aid, as to the said Conference and Committee may seem proper.

10th. The Treasurer shall proceed, without delay, to bring the objects of the society before the public for subscription and aid, in such manner as he may deem proper, and to request the earnest co-operation of the friends of the society.

11th. The officers of the society shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person, who may be a Director or some other person.

PAUL WHITEHEAD, *President.*

JOHN R. KILBY, *Secretary.*

NOTE.—For the action of the Conference accepting the charter and approving of the organization under it, and for the names of the Directors, see page 13.

EXHIBIT

Of the Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South,
to April 30, 1870, presented to the General Conference at its ses-
sion in Memphis, Tenn., May, 1870, and also reported to the
Annual Conferences, by

A. H. REDFORD,
General Agent.

ASSETS.

Real Estate in Nashville,	\$44,319 74
Presses, Engines, Boiler, and Fixtures,	33,985 00
Composing Room,	5,705 00
Stereotype Plates,	51,493 40
Stereotype Foundry,	3,710 00
Merchandise,	54,450 13
New Orleans Depository—Merchandise and Fixtures,	20,906 48
Debts due on New Account,	14,939 44
Furniture, Desks, Tables, and Safe,	505 00
Cash on hand,	210 38
	\$230,224 57

LIABILITIES.

Bills Payable,	\$40,311 93
Book Account,	1,560 19
	\$41,872 12
Balance in favor of the House,	\$188,352 45
Balance in favor of the House last year,	170,183 97
	\$18,168 48

III.--GENERAL STATISTICS.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERS.		Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						CHURCH PROPERTY.					BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.		
	White.	Colored.		Adult.	Infant.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Requisites.	Money expended for S. School.	Churches.	Sittings.	Value of Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of Other Ch'ch Property.	Value of Books Sold.	Periodicals Taken.
RICHMOND DISTRICT.																			
Richmond—Centenary.....	286	....	2	3	16	1	48	245	460	\$250	\$800 00	1	800	\$20,000	..	..	\$500	.....	.....
Broad Street..	335	....	..	5	26	1	32	210	350	.....	1,056 65	1	850	30,000	..	..	600	.....	.....
Trinity.....	270	....	2	10	15	1	52	276	618	.....	401 57	1	700	26,000	..	..	300	.....	.....
Clay Street....	297	....	1	8	3	1	32	218	600	200	307 00	1	700	8,000	..	..	.....	.....	30
Union.....	365	....	1	34	15	1	36	240	400	250	390 00	1	800	15,000	..	..	300	.....	.....
Sydney.....	63	....	..	..	1	1	15	70	90	80	38 00	1	200	2,000	..	..	.....	.....	15
Oregon.....	106	....	1	11	5	1	19	98	270	80	30 00	1	400	1,500	..	..	.....	.....	15
Rocketts.....	52	....	1	4	2	1	10	58	.....	75	10 00	1	200	2,000	..	..	.....	.....	10
Manchester.....	200	....	1	6	10	1	25	152	300	100	75 00	1	450	10,000	..	..	300	.....	.....
Charles City.....	410	3	....	25	10	7	92	431	1,040	.....	110 00	6	2,500	11 350	1	\$3,000	.....	\$12 50	30
New Kent.....	363	2	....	..	5	7	89	226	600	200	100 00	9	1,800	6,100	..	..	100	.....	.....
King William.....	260	4	2	27	3	5	30	290	300	.....	25 00	2	600	1,500	..	..	100	.....	14
Mathews.....	853	2	2	15	73	6	78	470	1,130	20	133 00	5	1,500	4,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	50
Gloucester.....	705	1	....	10	30	6	50	350	800	.....	40 00	5	1,800	9,000	1	750	.....	.....	75
Williamsburg.....	52	....	....	.....	.....	1	11	41	150	125	52 14	1	250	3,000	..	..	.....	.....	.....
	4,617	12	13	158	214	41	619	3,375	7,108	\$1,380	\$3,568 36	37	13,550	\$149,450	3	\$5,750	\$2,200	\$12 50	239
CHARLOTTESVILLE DIST.																			
Charlottesville.....	169	....	1	13	2	1	16	260	400	\$175	\$300 00	1	500	\$8,000	1	\$3,000	\$500	.....	15
Albemarle.....	484	7	1	18	15	6	31	250	300	350	25 00	8	1,500	7,000	1	1,200	.....	\$3 00	25
Scottsville.....	294	5	2	9	..	4	36	156	300	.....	25 00	4	1,800	4,000	..	..	100	20 00	20
Howardsville.....	270	....	1	17	..	6	60	235	230	175	.....	6	800	3,700	..	..	.....	.....	12
Fluvanna.....	444	....	1	25	3	5	30	160	300	120	25 00	6	3,600	3,600	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....
Gordonsville & Orange C.H.	100	....	.....	4	2	2	14	64	125	7	15 00	2	600	6,000	..	..	.....	.....	24
Orange.....	160	....	1	22	..	4	16	100	150	350	.....	5	1,000	3,500	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Louisa.....	550	6	2	51	3	7	40	275	600	150	275 00	8	1,600	9,000	1	3,000	.....	40 00	60
Batesville.....	264	18	1	12	3	4	30	246	400	397	37 00	2	800	6,000	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Madison.....	320	5	2	4	..	4	24	150	100	20	30 00	7	1,500	12,000	1	1,500	300	.....	.....
Greene.....	250	1	....	1	..	1	8	45	60	100	2 00	6	1,350	3,450	..	..	125	5 00	34
Goochland.....	204	....	.....	7	9	5	42	232	1,300	200	16 00	5	1,000	1,500	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Beaver Dam.....	285	1	1	6	..	5	55	169	383	30	35 00	4	1,050	1,750	..	..	.....	10 00	12
Blue Ridge Mission.....	150	....	....	35	.....	2	15	105	40	.....	.....	2	400	2,000	..	..	.....	.....	.....
	4,004	43	13	224	37	56	417	2,447	4,688	\$2,344	\$785 00	66	17,500	\$71,500	5	\$9,700	\$1,025	\$78 00	202

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LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.

Lynchburg—Centenary.....	275	2	3	2	40	332	882	\$10	\$320 00	1	800	\$20,000	\$360	
Court Street.....	261	1	1	2	4	1	40	151	501	500	175 75	1	750	30,000	1	\$6,000	.....
Amherst.....	390	46	2	18	1	7	62	332	662	.....	95 00	9	2,050	10,600	1	1,000	200
West Amherst.....	220	.....	1	.....	1	6	38	190	250	.....	5 00	4	800	4,000	.....	.....	10
Nelson.....	245	.....	.....	16	3	7	61	290	636	.....	28 00	6	1,150	6,000	.....	.....	.....
Bedford.....	525	10	1	10	5	8	64	450	.....	.....	25 00	11	2,200	8,450	1	3,000	.....
South Bedford.....	480	7	.....	60	20	8	35	350	350	.....	.....	9	1,800	7,000	1	1,000	.....
Bedford Springs.....	192	1	.....	15	12	5	66	227	450	.....	27 00	5	1,500	4,000	.....	200	30
Liberty.....	75	.....	.....	1	4	1	8	75	300	115	2 00	1	200	3,000	.....	100	5
Appomattox.....	415	1	.....	28	9	7	59	344	500	.....	51 00	6	1,800	3,000	1	1,500	.....
Campbell.....	453	.....	1	49	6	7	50	250	500	.....	40 00	8	1,600	3,000	1	1,000	20
Buckingham.....	375	.....	1	61	4	4	35	160	500	.....	60 00	6	1,200	7,000	1	2,000	30
Prospect.....	275	.....	1	42	4	3	37	153	174	248	114 32	2	8 00	3,500	1	1,500	75
Big Island.....	150	.....	1	6	.....	4	24	200	300	.....	.....	6	1,350	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Leesville Mission.....	102	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	26	150	200	.....	5 00	3	600	1,000	.....	.....	.....
	4,433	66	9	310	76	73	645	3,613	6,204	\$873	\$948 07	78	18,630	\$112,550	8	\$17,000	\$1,010	101

DANVILLE DISTRICT.

Danville.....	210	6	1	3	3	1	13	98	100	.....	.....	1	50	\$10,000	1	\$4,000	.....
Charlotte.....	399	120	3	30	2	4	32	181	93	.....	.....	10	2,200	6,925	.....	.....	.....
South of Dan.....	414	16	1	7	.....	6	42	335	479	.....	\$43 00	6	1,000	3,000	.....	.....	.....
Ringgold and Banister.....	321	8	1	20	.....	5	40	200	400	.....	15 00	6	1,000	2,000	.....	.....	10
Pittsylvania.....	275	13	2	1	1	4	28	125	300	.....	9 50	8	3,000	5,000	1	300	5
South Staunton.....	309	7	3	39	5	6	29	309	245	.....	45 25	5	2,600	3,800	.....	.....	.....
Franklin.....	286	18	1	6	.....	5	45	174	460	3	.....	8	1,500	4,500	1	800	7
Henry.....	275	32	.....	22	1	9	100	350	400	.....	9 20	4	800	2,400	.....	.....	.....
Patrick.....	160	20	.....	13	2	3	12	57	165	.....	.....	4	800	3,200	.....	\$150	15
Dan River.....	175	16	3	.....	.....	4	28	117	200	.....	.....	6	1,200	1,200	.....	.....	.....
Halifax.....	393	195	2	101	6	5	59	292	745	.....	103 89	5	2,150	2,800	1	1,500	18

FARMVILLE DISTRICT.

Farmville.....	118	95	2	2	2	1	22	70	500	.....	\$85 00	1	525	\$6,000	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant & Min'l Spring	166	84	2	20	5	3	37	155	300	\$10	25 00	3	750	2,500	.....	.....	10
Burkeville.....	200	2	.....	5	.....	3	15	100	200	.....	.....	6	2,000	4,000	.....	.....	.....
Lunenburg.....	500	2	.....	1	32	8	100	284	8 0	.....	20 00	6	1,200	6,000	.....	.....	.....
Boydton.....	350	2	1	46	.....	5	27	261	425	.....	43 50	6	2,000	3,500	.....	.....	.....
Mecklenburg.....	919	46	1	14	21	13	91	429	1,112	.....	.....	12	3,675	6,525	1	\$1,500	.....
Brunswick.....	700	.....	4	30	20	12	70	570	800	300	300 00	11	2,500	1,800	1	1,200	1
Nottoway.....	375	5	1	15	12	4	30	150	.....	.....	.....	5	1,000	2,500	1	1,800	.....
Amelia.....	354	7	4	4	2	7	107	450	700	.....	100 00	8	2,000	6,500	1	2,500	\$40 00
Powhatan.....	150	.....	1	1	.....	2	15	70	300	.....	20 00	4	1,000	5,000	.....	.....	15
Cumberland.....	300	10	1	4	5	1	10	50	400	.....	.....	4	800	2,500	1	1,000	12
Greensville.....	256	1	1	16	1	6	62	75	3	600	400	20	
	4,388	254	18	158	99	60	530	2,651	5,612	\$310	\$593 50	69	18,050	\$47,225	5	\$8,000	\$40 00	58

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERS.		Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.					BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.			
	White.	Colored.		Adult.	Infant.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Requisites.	Money expended for Sunday School.	Churches.	Sittings.	Value of Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.	Value of Books Sold.	Periodicals Taken.
PETERSBURG DISTRICT.																			
Petersburg—Washington st	273	.....	1	.....	.....	1	41	233	1,059	\$300	\$269 00	3	1,800	\$32,000	1	\$6,000	.....	.....	.....
Market Street	257	.....	2	.....	4	1	39	188	500	560	383 09	1	890	25,000	1	5,000	.....	.....	30
Wesley Chapel	44	.....	1	.....	8	1	23	75	259	139	275 00	1	390	1,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
High Street...	361	.....	1	1	13	4	24	260	680	.....	269 00	2	890	10,000	.....	.....	\$300	.....	100
Ettricks....	128	.....	1	6	.....	1	14	250	.....	.....	140 00	1	390	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Chesterfield.....	427	6	3	.....	.....	4	40	260	516	.....	36 50	8	1,200	1,200	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....
Coalfield and Clover Hill...	363	.....	2	57	7	7	70	350	.....	.....	50 00	7	750	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	38
West Dinwiddie.....	360	.....	.....	11	17	6	50	351	340	55	35 00	6	1,800	4,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
Inwiddie.....	255	.....	1	3	15	6	50	200	400	10	25 00	6	700	1,000	.....	.....	15	.....	5
Sussex.....	409	.....	7	10	4	7	75	229	425	50	45 00	8	1,800	5,000	1	350	53	.....	25
Hicksford.....	109	.....	.....	10	18	4	35	120	175	.....	32 00	4	690	5,700	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prince George.....	223	.....	.....	3	8	2	12	45	100	.....	5 00	6	890	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Surry.....	386	.....	2	1	.....	5	31	120	175	.....	50 00	6	1,200	3,700	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Smithfield Station.....	240	2	1	12	5	1	27	216	500	60	50 00	2	1,100	4,000	.....	200	.....	.....	15
Smithfield Circuit.....	214	.....	.....	4	.....	5	25	259	400	.....	50 00	6	1,500	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	4,000	8	22	118	99	55	556	3,147	5,520	\$1,174	\$1,705 59	67	15,540	\$100,800	4	\$12,850	\$568	.....	239
MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.																			
Murfreesboro	148	3	.....	.....	1	2	20	200	.....	.....	.....	2	500	\$5,000	.....	.....	\$25,900	.....	.....
Northampton	823	7	3	57	2	11	67	460	359	.....	\$60 00	10	2,900	5,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	28
Bertie.....	401	3	2	3	11	6	57	187	450	24	26 00	9	2,700	8,900	1	\$1,500	.....	.....	48
Edenton.....	57	.....	.....	5	3	1	9	46	500	.....	20 00	2	1,200	6,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Hertford.....	788	.....	2	24	38	15	160	673	2,062	.....	100 63	9	300	9,000	1	1,350	.....	.....	.....
Pasquotank.....	630	.....	4	10	17	8	52	379	150	.....	37 00	7	1,000	400	.....	100	.....	.....	16
Elizabeth City.....	157	.....	1	.....	2	1	33	174	273	.....	60 00	2	1,400	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indian Ridge.....	600	.....	2	12	1	7	38	250	450	.....	.....	.....	1,400	8,000	.....	150	.....	.....	15
Suffolk.....	179	.....	1	10	8	1	27	100	400	40	100 00	1	700	9,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	31
Gates.....	800	.....	2	40	20	10	60	600	700	.....	15 00	10	4,000	8,000	1	300	.....	.....	100
Southampton.....	556	.....	1	4	3	6	63	215	214	.....	66 00	9	1,700	5,300	1	1,000	200	.....	46
Currituck Mission.....	275	5	1	.....	15	6	30	125	.....	.....	.....	6	900	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	5,481	18	19	165	121	74	616	3,349	5,549	\$64	\$484 63	74	17,800	\$75,100	4	\$4,300	\$25,450	.....	296

NORFOLK DISTRICT.																			
Norfolk—Cumberland St...	480	....	1	50	33	1	49	306	690	\$330	\$243 97	1	1,200	\$22,000	..	\$300	\$20 00	50
Granby Street...	252	....	1	5	26	1	34	230	1,000	100	250 00	1	890	25,000	..	700	....	41
Portsmouth—Dinwiddie st	409	....	1	2	17	1	64	283	870	75	253 00	1	500	8,000	..	1,300	....	50
Second Street	125	....	1	29	18	1	31	125	350	.....	200 00	1	400	2,500	..	....	....	25
Wesley Chapl	216	....	1	19	8	1	24	108	750	10	49 00	1	500	9,500	..	600	....	12
Norfolk Circuit.....	290	1	1	1	1	3	32	180	3 0	.....	95 00	3	7 00	5,000	..	100	....	20
East Norfolk Circuit.....	356	....	3	12	1	9	116	288	1,022	.....	132 55	9	2,125	1,150	..	....	....	55
Princess Anne.....	650	1	4	30	40	9	86	470	670	62 43	9	1,800	8,000	1	\$650 00	439	20 00	19
Eastville.....	299	....	....	7	9	6	118	465	1,200	.....	75 00	6	1,225	9,200	..	....	16 00	35
Pungoteague.....	691	1	6	30	59	7	81	625	800	.....	3 00	7	2,500	13,500	..	150	60 00	....
Atlantic.....	452	....	1	18	22	7	71	532	677	200	107 00	7	2,000	6,500	1	1,250	....	28
Wicomico.....	245	....	....	....	25	3	31	150	300	.....	40 00	3	800	8,000	..	....	....	....
Berlin.....	87	....	....	....	6	4	17	175	400	.....	....	4	500	5,000	..	....	....	4
Cambridge.....	70	....	1	1	5	1	10	60	150	40	25 00	1	225	1,200	..	....	....	....
Dorchester.....	220	....	1	....	25	5	25	200	500	275	25 00	5	1,200	10,000	1	3,000	3 00	25
Hampton and York.....	531	1	3	4	40	8	118	448	100	.....	100 00	8	1,650	3,650	..	125	....	25
	5,193	4	25	199	326	67	904	4,585	9,619	\$1,000	\$1,651 95	67	18,125	\$138,200	3	\$4,900	\$3,714	\$119 00	389
RAPPAHANNOCK DISTRICT																			
Rappahannock.....	267	40	....	20	....	6	63	420	925	.....	\$113 00	5	1,500	\$5,500	..	....	....	20
Culpeper.....	320	31	1	30	3	5	32	174	775	\$15	60 00	5	1,300	6,900	..	\$50	....	21
Spottsylvania.....	147	2	....	4	....	2	19	89	282	.....	5 75	4	400	2,500	..	....	....	3
Caroline.....	449	....	3	31	....	6	57	276	550	.....	47 50	6	1,400	6,500	..	....	....	19
King George.....	365	2	....	6	....	5	55	296	1,038	50	20 00	3	1,000	5,000	..	....	....	25
Westmoreland.....	407	4	1	18	22	7	73	400	1,200	.....	....	7	1,400	3,400	..	150	....	....
Northumberland.....	150	....	1	19	....	3	29	223	441	100	39 00	3	600	4,000	..	....	....	7
Lancaster.....	400	1	1	40	1	6	77	260	875	25	4	1,500	5,000	1	\$1,500	800	\$30 00
Middlesex.....	420	2	21	6	67	201	651	35 54	6	1,500	6,000	1	1,200	50	40
King and Queen.....	623	....	2	4	8	6	42	250	650	10	39 00	8	2,000	8,000	1	1,100	....	15
Hanover.....	544	1	5	21	3	6	71	329	425	... ..	186 70	5	1,575	5,000	1	2,000	....	30
	4,092	81	14	195	58	58	585	2,918	7,814	\$209	\$537 49	56	14,175	\$57,800	4	\$5,800	\$1,050	\$30 00	180

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

Richmond District.....	4,617	12	13	158	214	41	619	3,375	7,108	\$1,380	\$3,568 36	37	13,550	\$149,450	3	\$5,750	\$2,200	\$12 50	239
Charlottesville District....	4,004	43	13	224	37	56	417	2,447	4,688	2,344	785 00	66	17,500	71,500	5	9,700	1,025	78 00	202
Lynchburg District.....	4,433	66	9	310	76	73	645	3,613	6,204	873	948 07	78	18,600	112,550	8	17,000	1,010	....	101
Danville District.....	3,217	451	17	342	20	52	428	2,234	3,587	30	225 84	63	16,750	44,825	4	6,600	150	....	55
Farmville District.....	4,388	254	18	158	99	60	539	2,651	5,612	310	593 50	69	18,050	47,225	5	8,000	....	40 00	58
Petersburg District.....	4,000	8	22	118	99	55	556	3,147	5,520	1,174	1,705 59	67	15,540	100,800	4	12,850	598	....	239
Murfreesboro District.....	5,481	18	19	165	121	74	616	3,349	5,549	64	484 63	74	17,800	75,100	4	4,300	25,450	....	296
Norfolk District.....	5,193	4	25	199	326	67	904	4,585	9,619	1,000	1,651 95	67	18,125	138,200	3	4,900	3,714	119 00	374
Rappahannock District....	4,092	81	14	195	58	58	585	2,918	7,814	260	537 49	56	14,175	57,800	4	5,800	1,050	30 00	180
	39,425	937	150	1,869	1,500	536	5,500	28,323	55,701	\$7,375	\$10,500 43	577	150,090	\$797,450	40	\$74,900	\$35,167	\$279 50	1,744

IV.

TRIBUTE TO REV. WM. A. SMITH, D.D.

The Committee appointed to prepare a paper which shall express the sentiments of this Conference in regard to the death of Rev. WM. A. SMITH, D.D., report a sketch of his life, and the following resolutions in honor of his memory :

On the list of our dead for the year now closing, with grief and veneration we place the name of WILLIAM ANDREW SMITH. We know that his work and fame are not the exclusive property of this Conference, but belong to the whole M. E. Church, South, of which he was so eminent a minister, if we should not rather say to American Methodism. It is also true that his name has appeared the three past years on the minutes not of the Virginia, but of the St. Louis Conference. Yet living, he was ours, and now that he is dead, we claim him, in a special sense. His large heart embraced the entire Church, his wise counsels guarded and fostered her general interests, his great abilities shed lustre upon her name : and it is meet that Bishops and Conferences should do him honor. Let the West cherish his memory on account of his two years of faithful pastoral labor in the city of St. Louis, and of that great and lasting work to which he devoted his extraordinary powers during the last year of his life—the establishment of Central University on a deep and broad foundation, not less by the awakening of a profounder interest on the subject of education hallowed by religion among the ministry and people, than by the collection of funds for an endowment. But in the bounds of our Conference he was born, raised, converted ; of this body he was a member more than forty years ; of our history he is a large, essential, illustrious part ; to us he gave his love and service from youth to old age, and we are glad to acknowledge the debt of gratitude and affection we owe him ; among us he died, and in the beautiful cemetery of Hollywood in Richmond his dust reposes, awaiting the resurrection morn. To some of us he was a brother dearly beloved, to more of us an honored father : if others loved him, we yet more.

WM. A. SMITH was born in Fredericksburg, Va., Nov. 29, 1802. His mother was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and in death prayed that her son might live to preach the glorious gospel. His father was a man of honorable character and position. Both died when he was of a tender age. For a time the orphan boy had rough usage ; but he was afterwards adopted and raised by Mr. Russell Hill, a friend of his father, and a worthy merchant of Petersburg. When seventeen years old, he was converted, and joined the M. E. Church. He had received a good English education, and had commenced the study of the classics ; but feeling that he was called of God to the ministry, and not being able to attend college as he desired, he studied privately one year at the house of his uncle, Mr. Porter, in Orange county, and taught school two or three years in Madison. In 1824 he travelled the Gloucester circuit under the Presiding Elder ; in February, 1825, he was admitted on trial into the Virginia Conference. In 1833, while agent for Randolph Macon College, then in its infancy, he met with a fearful accident : the carriage which he was driving upset and fell on him, breaking his right thigh and dislocating his left hip, and badly laming him for life. He was a delegate to the General Conference of the M. E. Church every session from 1832 to 1844, and occupied a high position in that great council as an adviser and debater. In the memorable appeal case of Harding, and in the yet more important extra-judicial trial of Bishop Andrew, which led to the division of the Church, he won a reputation wide as the United States, and inferior to that of no minister of any denomination, for

the highest deliberative and forensic eloquence. He was a member of the Louisville Convention which organized the M. E. Church, South, and of all the General Conferences of this Church to the date of his death. He commanded universal respect and confidence among his brethren by the sincerity of his zeal, the wisdom of his counsels, and the power of his reasoning. His impress will long remain on the legislation and institutions of Southern Methodism. In 1846 he was called from the regular pastorate, by the urgency of the trustees of Randolph Macon College, sanctioned by the Virginia Conference, to the Presidency of this institution. He was selected for that place because his courage, energy and strength of intellect seemed indispensable not only to the prosperity, but even to the saving of this noble institution. Twenty years of his life were consecrated to this cause—years of self-sacrifice, of unremitting toil, of courageous battling with difficulties and victory over them; of hope where others desponded, of faith where others doubted, of resolution where others wavered. He was diligent in his study, diligent in his lecture-room, diligent in travel through Virginia and North Carolina to collect money and to arouse interest in behalf of the College. The number of students steadily increased, the standard of scholarship was elevated, and through the joint efforts of Dr. Smith and the agents of the College, an endowment-fund of \$100,000 was raised. Then came the terrible war which emptied those classic halls, and swept away the funds which had been gathered with so much toil. Yet not in vain had he labored. Scores of ministers, hundreds of pious young men, educated under his care, moulded by his influence, are this day in their several spheres carrying on the same grand work to which he was devoted, and have learned, from his teachings and example, never to surrender, never to despair of Randolph Macon.

We have not spoken of Dr. SMITH as a preacher and pastor. He soon rose to eminence in the ministry, and stood with the foremost in the pulpit and pastorate for faithfulness, ability and success. He had a deep, distinct, happy, constant experience of the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus. His zeal for the cause of religion was pure, steady, consuming. He was fully consecrated to the work of the ministry. The doctrines and polity of our Church had no stronger, nobler expounder and champion than he. His sermons were "logic on fire"—grand and solid discussions of the leading truths of the gospel, animated with deep emotion. Thousands were converted under his ministry; many of them became preachers of the Word, in our own and in other denominations; the churches he served were ever edified and trained, not less by his pastoral fidelity than by his luminous discourses.

As a man, he was of marked character. Who, that ever saw him, could forget that bold, frank, noble face and forehead, which revealed at a glance the lofty attributes of his intellect, the loftier attributes of his heart? Cunning and deceit he knew not; to fear he was a stranger; his convictions he was ever ready to avow and maintain. Yet, with all his courage and indomitable energy of will, he had a tender, sympathetic heart, and much of a child-like spirit, simple, unselfish, trustful, easy to be entreated.

In the Fall of 1866 he was transferred to the St. Louis Conference. In the Summer of 1869 he visited Virginia to build up his shattered constitution. He suffered severely with chronic dysentery, complicated with other disorders, and grew worse each succeeding month, until he breathed his last March 1, 1870, in the city of Richmond. He retained the clearness of his faculties, and delighted to speak of the great themes of christianity, especially that saying of John, "God is love." He told us that from the day he gave his heart to God in youth, that self-surrender had never been recalled, and his trust in Christ had never wavered. He compared his state of mind to a lake embosomed in a deep forest, whose peaceful surface the rough winds could not reach.

We offer for adoption by the Conference the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That in the death of Rev. WM. A. SMITH, D.D., not only has the Church lost a bright and shining light, but this Conference is called to mourn the loss of an honored father, who for many years was to us a strong tower of defense and an able leader in every good enterprise,

2. Resolved, That we glorify God in the exalted character, the abundant labors, the enduring fruits of usefulness, and the happy death of Dr. SMITH; and that we will cherish his memory, and teach our children to hold him in honor.

3. Resolved, That we convey to his widow and children the assurance of our deep sympathy in their bereavement, and of our prayers that the blessing of Providence and the comfort of the Holy Spirit may be richly vouchsafed to them in their hour of need.

4. Resolved, That Rev. J. E. Edwards and Asa Snyder be appointed a committee to procure a suitable monument and have it placed over the grave of Dr. SMITH, and that they be authorized to receive contributions to defray the expenses of the same.

LEROY M. LEE,
J. C. GRANBERY,
D'ARCY PAUL.

V.

MEMOIRS.

The Committee on Memoirs reported as follows:

During the Conference year now closing four of our brethren have fallen by the hand of death. Only one was on the effective list, but all are endeared to us by many hallowed memories. Their labors in the ministry were attended with blessed results, and to-day they are mourned by thousands, to whom they dispensed the Word of Life, and many of whom were brought to God through their instrumentality. Their own personal piety was not only maintained, but promoted and successfully developed; and when the final summons came, they obeyed it with a holy resignation, and in an assured hope of a blessed immortality. In the purity and integrity of their lives, their devotion to the Master's cause, and the zeal with which they prosecuted their sacred calling, they have left an example of priceless value. May the memory of their virtues, their success in winning souls, and their triumph over death, serve to stimulate us to live holy, to walk humbly, and to work earnestly, that we, too, may have peace and hope at our last hour, and finally obtain the reward of the righteous.

WM. I. HUNTER

was born in Gates county, North Carolina, in March, 1826, and died Sept. 10, 1870. He was converted in Norfolk county, Va., in 1858, and united with the M. E. Church, South. He entered the Virginia Conference in 1859. During the period of his ministry—nearly eleven years—he served Patrick Mission, Buffalo, Fluvanna, Beaver Dam, Nelson and South Bedford Circuits. He was returned the second year to every appointment but one. His labors resulted in the conversion of more than thirteen hundred souls. His last days were full of peace. Day by day the blessed Saviour was with His servant to soothe and to sustain, to cheer and to gladden. Our dear departed brother entered the Valley of Death with the sunlight of the Divine presence streaming all around him. His end was a victory—a blessed triumph.

ISAAC M. ARNOLD

was born in the county of Brunswick, June 13, 1804, entered the ministry in 1835, and died June 13, 1870. His early advantages were quite limited, and his education, both literary and religious, much neglected. Possessed of a lively disposition, an even temper, and popular manners, he became among his associates a leader in those ways, the remembrance of which, in after years, often caused him much regret. By force of circumstances, he was early deprived of parental counsel and guidance, and being denied those home influences which so greatly tend to restrain the waywardness of youth, it is no wonder he went far astray. But, like Saul of Tarsus, he was overtaken and smitten by the power of God, and his wandering steps directed to the great highway that has led so many from earth to heaven.

His call to the ministry was as unmistakable as his conversion, and his prompt and decided answer was, "Here am I, send me." His preaching was characterized by simplicity and plainness, and was often wonderful in its effects.

Brother Arnold's piety was of no ordinary type. It threw a lustré on every circle in which he moved. It consisted not in cant and song, and mere ideals of church conformity, but was a grand exhibition of religious principle and scriptural ethics. Like most Christians, he had a large share of divine chastisements. In sunshine he was happy—under the cloud he was not afraid. The dignity of his bearing challenged the respect of all, and his chiding smile was often a savor of good to the young and the thoughtless, who revered him as a father. He was a member of the Virginia Conference for nearly forty years, and was always true to the trusts committed to him. He staggered not under responsibility. His great aim was to glorify God, by striving earnestly for the salvation of sinners. More than two thousand souls were brought into the Church under his ministry, and Christians of every name were the beneficiaries of his abundant labors. During the last ten years of his life, he was on the non-effective list, but he continued to exercise his gifts, preaching nearly every Sabbath. His work is finished! The grave holds his mortal remains, and heaven contains his redeemed spirit, so long consecrated to the service of God. Those who were with him in his last moments, send to us the glad intelligence that his death was triumphant and that his end was peace.

DEVEREAUX J. C. SLAUGHTER

was born in Dinwiddie county, Va., Nov. 8th, 1817, and was born again the 16th of August, 1835, while alone in the forest calling on God for mercy. He was awakened through the instrumentality of Rev. Anthony Dibrell. He joined the M. E. Church in May, 1836, was licensed to preach September 25th, 1841, and was received on trial in the Virginia Conference at Petersburg, November, 1842; was received into full connection and ordained Deacon in Lynchburg, Va., by Bishop Andrew, Nov., 1844; ordained Elder by Bishop Capers at R. M. College, Nov., 1846. He was effective and highly efficient until 1862, when, with shattered health and broken constitution, he asked for and obtained a supernumerary relation, in which relation he remained until the Master removed him from the Church militant to the Church triumphant. He died at half-past 1 o'clock p. m., 6th of November, 1870, and was interred on the 8th—his 53d birthday.

In the various appointments filled by Brother Slaughter, he was very successful, and enjoyed a high degree of popularity, both as a preacher and pastor. He was peculiarly gifted in prayer, and preached in demonstration of the spirit, and with power. He always spoke to the hearts of his hearers, while the truth, uttered in a voice of much sweetness, and with great pathos, would often move them to tears. His sterling integrity, genial manners, and warm heart, made him many friends wherever he went. He was cordially and tenderly loved by all, and especially by his brother ministers. During the last eight years of his life he endured great bodily affliction. Although unable to do the work of an itinerant preacher, he was never idle, but employed his remaining strength to promote the cause of Christ. In his last interview with Rev. John D. Blackwell, only a few days before his death, he spoke of his firm trust in God, and his unabated love for the brethren, and also sent to the Conference, by Rev. W. G. Williams, the assurance of his perfect peace with God, through Jesus Christ. Some days before he expired, he suffered most severe paroxysms of pain; and at the close of one of these, he was asked by one present how he was: he replied, "All is well, all is well." He turned himself on his bed, and his eye kindled with unearthly brightness, as though it caught some object above; a smile played on his face, and then his spirit passed away.

JOSEPH SPRIGGS

was the son of Ephraim and Sarah Spriggs, and was born in Lancaster county, Virginia, on the 6th of July, 1804. He was converted, and united with the M. E. Church in 1824. He was licensed an exhorter on Lancaster circuit in 1826, and a local preacher in January, 1828. In March following he was admitted on trial in the traveling connection, in the Baltimore Con-

ference, and was received into full connection, and ordained Deacon by Bishop Joshua Soule in March, 1830, and Elder by Bishop Hedding in 1832. Berkley circuit was his first field of labor. From Berkley he was sent to Greenbrier, then to Lexington, and then to Augusta. While on this circuit, in 1840 his health was prostrated by his arduous labors, and was not fully restored until 1850. The M. E. Church having been divided, he adhered to the Southern branch, and applied for admission and was cordially received into the Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church, South. After ten years of zealous and successful labor in this Conference, he was compelled, (in the Fall of 1860) by failing health, to seek rest in a supernumerary relation, in which he remained for five years. In the Fall of 1865 he returned, much improved, to the hard work of the itinerant ministry, and was appointed to the North Bedford circuit. Campbell circuit was his next and last charge. In 1860 he was again compelled to retire from the active ministry.

Thus, for nearly forty-two years, he ministered the word of life with unflinching fidelity. He loved the itinerant ministry of the Methodist Church, of which he was one of the brightest ornaments. He received his appointments cheerfully, and was always successful and popular in his pastoral charges. Of him it may be truly said—

“None knew him but to love him,
None named him but to praise.”

In the pulpit he spoke fluently, affectionately, earnestly; he was always practical and thoroughly evangelical; frequently his discourses were powerfully and effectively eloquent. As a pastor, in social life, in the family circle, at home and abroad, he was ever courteous and kind, free of access to all; yet ever prudent and dignified in his manners, impressing every one by the earnestness of his piety, and the charming felicity and purity of his interesting and instructive conversation.

He was emphatically a man of prayer; and in holy communion he partook of the Spirit of Christ, and went forth to his arduous duties strong in the strength of Omnipotence. He won many souls to Christ, and replenished and built up the membership of the Church in our most holy faith. By precept and example, he taught them the useful lessons of faith, hope, and charity; and in his own well formed character gave them an almost faultless lesson of moral excellence.

He died of typhoid fever, after a painful illness of eight weeks, which he bore without a murmur. He has left a widow and eight children to mourn their irreparable loss; but they sorrow not as others who have no hope.

On the night of January the 17th, about 10 o'clock, he seemed to be resting sweetly; when opening his eyes he said in audible and distinct tone, (he had spoken in a whisper before) “wake me at twelve,” and then, seeming to fall asleep, his family and friends were quietly watching at his bedside, when just at 12 o'clock he awoke—but at the call of the Master: “Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord,”

“The voice at midnight came,
He started up to hear.
A mortal arrow pierced his frame:
He fell, but felt no fear.”

A veteran Soldier of the Cross, he joyfully exchanged his well-worn armor for the blissful reward of his heroic life.

“Soldier of Christ, well done,
Praise be thy new employ;
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Master's joy.”

His funeral service was attended by a large congregation; the sermon was preached by his Presiding Elder, Rev. A. G. Brown, and his body was committed to the grave by his brethren of the Masonic fraternity, a few hundred yards from his late residence in Campbell county, Virginia—a spot selected by himself.

VI.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1870-'71.

The figures appended to the names represent the number of consecutive years for which the incumbent has been appointed to the Charge.

RICHMOND DISTRICT.

LEROY M. LEE, 2, *Presiding Elder.*

Richmond.

Trinity—James P. Garland, 1.
 Centenary—John C. Granbery, 3.
 Broad Street—John E. Edwards, 3.
 Clay St.—Edward M. Peterson, 1.
 Union—Benjamin F. Woodward, 2.
 Sidney & Oregon—Geo. W. Nolley, 1.
 Rocketts—To be supplied.
 Manchester—Wm. H. Christian, 1.
 Charles City—Geo. C. Vanderslice, 4.

New Kent—James H. Crown, 1.
 Providence—Thomas P. Wise, 1.
 King William—George M. Wright, 1.
 Mathews—Alfred Wiles, 1.
 Gloucester—James C. Martin, 1.
 Williamsburg—Alex. M. Hall, 1.
 Editor Richmond Christian Advocate—Wm. W. Bennett.
 Supt. of Missions to Germans—Ed. N. S. Blogg.

CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.

JACOB MANNING, 2, *Presiding Elder.*

Charlottesville—John B. Dey, 1.
 Albemarle—James M. Anderson, 2;
 John J. Lafferty, Supernumerary.
 Scottsville—John Bayley, 2.
 Fluvanna—Milton L. Bishop, 3.
 Gordonsville and }
 Orange C. House, } Jas. L. Fisher, 1.
 Orange—William E. Payne, 1.
 Louisa—John W. Howard, 1.
 Batesville—Hartwell H. Gary, 4.

Madison—Robert W. Watts, 2.
 Greene—William H. Camper, 1.
 Goochland—Charles E. Hobday, 2;
 Benj. C. Spiller, Supernumerary.
 Beaver Dam—James F. Finnell, 2.
 Blue Ridge Mission—To be supplied
 (by A. L. Edwards.)
 Piedmont Mission—To be supplied
 (by G. W. Baily.)

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.

HENRY B. COWLES, 1, *Presiding Elder.*

Lynchburg.

{ Centenary—Wm. E. Edwards, 1.
 { Madison—Thos. H. Early, Sup'y.
 Court Street—Robert N. Sledd, 3.
 Amherst—Lemuel S. Reed, 1.
 West Amherst—Joseph B. Merritt, 1.
 Nelson—John N. Jones, 1.
 Bedford—John M. Saunders, 3.
 Big Island—To be supplied (by Elisha DeWitt.)

South Bedford—Robert N. Crooks, 1.
 Bedford Springs—Joshua S. Hunter, 1.
 Liberty—Robert A. Compton, 1.
 Appomattox—Wm. H. Hopkins, 1.
 Campbell—John W. Hilddrup, 2.
 Buckingham—Robert B. Beadles, 2.
 Prospect—James W. Bledsoe, 1.
 Leesville Mission—To be supplied.

DANVILLE DISTRICT.

JAMES JAMIESON, 3, *Presiding Elder.*

Danville—Joseph A. Proctor, 1.
 Charlotte—John D. Southall, 1.
 West Charlotte—Wm. P. Jordan, 1.
 South of Dan—Wesley C. Vaden, 1.
 Ringgold and Banister—To be supplied.
 Pittsylvania—John W. Tucker, 1.

South Staunton—Jno. W. F. Jones, 1.
 Franklin—David F. Hodges, 1.
 Henry—Henry C. Bowles, 1.
 Patrick—James T. Lumpkin, 1.
 Dan River Mission—To be supplied.
 Halifax—Jeremiah McMullan, 3.

FARMVILLE DISTRICT.

ROBERT MICHAELS, 3, *Presiding Elder*.

Farmville—Francis M. Edwards, 1.	Nottoway—William G. Lumpkin, 3;
Mount Pleasant—To be supplied.	James L. Spencer, Supernumer'y.
Burkeville—Thos. M. Beckham, 1.	Amelia—Joseph E. Potts, 3.
Lunenburg—James C. Watson, 3.	Powhatan—James C. Reed, 2.
Boydton—David M. Wallace, 2.	Cumberland—Layton J. Hansberger, 4.
Mecklenburg—Blassingame H. Johnson, 3; James McAden, Sup'y.	South Brunswick—Wm. W. Spain, 2.
Clarksville Mission—H. T. Bacon, 1.	Wesleyan and Mineral Spring—Geo. H. Ray, 1.
Brunswick—James W. Blincoe, 3.	

PETERSBURG DISTRICT.

DAVIS P. WILLS, 1, *Presiding Elder*.*Petersburg.*

Washington St.—Ch. H. Hall, 3;	West Dinwiddie—George N. Guy, 1;
Jno. B. Laurens, Sup'y.	Jacob H. Proctor, Sup'y.
Blandford—To be supplied.	Dinwiddie—Travis J. Taylor, 2.
Market St.—G. W. Langhorne, 1;	Sussex—Jos. H. Amiss, 4; James A. Riddick, Sup'y.
Thos. S. Campbell, Sup'y.	Hicksford—Edward P. Wilson, 1.
Wesley Chapel—To be supplied.	Prince George—Rich'd Ferguson, 1;
High Street—Geo. E. Booker, 2;	John P. Woodward, Sup'y.
Battersea Chapel—To be supplied	Surry—James W. Connelly, 2.
Ettricks—Thomas Diggs, 1.	Smithfield—Hezekiah P. Mitchell, 2.
Chesterfield—Fielding A. Davis, 1.	Smithfield Circuit—Wm. E. Allen, 1;
Coalfield and Clover Hill—Henry M. Linney, 1.	J. McClelland, 1.

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.

JOHN D. BLACKWELL, 1, *Presiding Elder*.

Murfreesboro—Peter F. August, 1.	Indian Ridge—Jas. D. Lumsden, 1.
Northampton—Jas. E. McSparran, 2.	Suffolk—William G. Starr, 2.
Meheerrin—Benj. F. Tennille, 1.	Gates—Wm. P. Wright, 1.
Windsor—Jas W. Compton, 1; Rob't I. Carson, Sup'y.	Southampton—John W. White, 2;
Harrellsville—Jos. H. Riddick, 1.	James A. Hughes, 1.
Edenton—Beverly W. Daugherty, 2;	Dare Mission—To be supplied (by B. H. Jarvis.)
Wm. J. Norfleet, Sup'y.	President Wesleyan Female College: Paul Whitehead.
Hertford—Major S. Colonna, 2.	Agent Wesleyan Female College—William B. Rowzie.
Pasquotank—Thomas L. Williams, 2	
Elizabeth City—S. S. Lambeth, 1.	

NORFOLK DISTRICT.

ALEXANDER G. BROWN, 1, *Presiding Elder*.*Norfolk.*

Cumberland St.—Peter A. Peterson, 4.	Princess Anne—Joshua L. Garrett, 1.
Washington Point—H. C. Cheatham, 1.	Eastville—Charles E. Watts, 1.
Granby Street—Wm. W. Duncan, 3.	Pungoteague—A. C. Bledsoe, 1.
<i>Portsmouth.</i>	Atlantic—Oscar Littleton, 2.
Dinwiddie St.—W. E. Judkins, 1.	Salisbury—Thomas A. Ware, 1.
Second St—Wm. G. Williams, 1.	Berlin—Edward M. Jordan, 1.
Central—Joseph E. Martin, 4.	Cambridge—Chas. V. Bingley, 3.
Norfolk Circuit—R. A. Armistead, 1.	Dorchester—Jas. O. Moss, 2.
East Norfolk Circuit—Wm. McGee, 1	Hampton—Thos. C. Jennings, 1.
	York—Joseph Lear, 1.
	Deale's Island—Lloyd Moore, 1.

RAPPAHANNOCK DISTRICT.

JOSEPH H. DAVIS, 2, *Presiding Elder.*

Rappahannock—Wilbur F. Robins, 2; Jno. F. Poulton, Sup'y.
 Culpeper—Edgar H. Pritchett, 4; Jas. F. Brannin, Sup'y.
 Spottsylvania—Jno. Q. Rhodes, 1.
 Caroline—Dan'l G. Butts, 1; one to be supplied.
 King George—Wm. F. Bain, 2.
 Westmoreland—E. A. Gibbs, 1.
 Heathsville—Wm. A. Crocker, 1.

Montross—Walter C. Taylor, 1.
 Lancaster—Thos. J. Bayton, 2.
 Middlesex—Thos. H. Boggs, 2.
 King and Queen—J. D. Hank, 1.
 Hanover—Jas. R. Waggener, 1.
 Pres't R. M. College—J. A. Duncan.
 Agt. Va. Con. S. S. So.—J. G. Rowe.
 " " " " —Leo. Rosser
 Chaplain in U.S. Navy—W. R. Cobb.

SUPERANNUATED.—Humphrey Billups, Jos. Carson, Matthew M. Dance, Benjamin Devany, John C. Garlick, Rob't A. Gregory, Wm. A. Robinson, Alexander Stewart, Jacob Shough, Benj. M. Williams, Sam'l T. Moorman, Benjamin T. Ames.

TRANSFERRED.—Philmer W. Archer and George W. Matthews, to Little Rock Conference; Lewis H. Greybill, to Baltimore Conference; Francis J. Boggs, to West St. Louis Conference; Robert O. Burton, to North Carolina Conference; William M. Jerdone, to Florida Conference.

VII.

PASTORAL CHANGES.

MINISTERS' NAMES.	REMOVED FROM	APPOINTED TO
Allen, Wm. E.....	2nd St., Portsmouth...	Smithfield Circuit.
Armistead, R. A.....	Rocketts and Sidney..	Norfolk Circuit.
August, P. F.	Liberty.....	Murfreesboro.
Bacon, H. T.....	Superannuated relat'n	Clarksville Mission.
Beckham, T. M.....	King and Queen.....	Burkville.
Blackwell, J. D.....	Amherst.....	Murfreesboro District.
Bledsoe, A. C.....	Louisa	Pungoteague.
Bledsoe, J. W.....	West Amherst.....	Prospect.
Bowles, H. C.....	Franklin.	Henry.
Brown, A. G.....	Lynchburg District...	Norfolk District.
Butts, D. G.....	Local Relation.....	Caroline Circuit.
Camper, W. H.....	South of Dan.....	Greene.
Ceatham, H. C.....	Florida Conference....	Washington Point.
Christian, W. H.....	Din. St., Portsmouth..	Manchester.
Compton, R. A.....	Murfreesboro.....	Liberty.
Compton, J. W.....	East Norfolk Circuit...	Windsor Circuit.
Colonna, M. S.....	Gates	Hertford Circuit.
Crocker, W. A.....	M. P. Conference.....	Heathsville Circuit.
Crooks, R. N.....	Bertie.....	South Bedford.
Crown, J. H.....	Williamsburg.....	New Kent.
Davis, F. A.....	M. P. Conference.....	Chesterfield.
Diggs, Thos.....	Supern'y relation.....	Ettricks.

PASTORAL CHANGES—CONTINUED.

MINISTERS' NAMES.	REMOVED FROM	APPOINTED TO
Dey, John B.....	Hicksford Circuit.....	Charlottesville.
Edwards, F. M.....	Matthews	Farmville.
Edwards, Wm. E.....	Farmville	Centenary, Lynchburg.
Ferguson, Rich'd.....	Coalfield.....	Prince George.
Fisher, Jas. L.....	Hertford.....	Gordonsville and Orange C.H.
Garland, J. P.....	Manchester.....	Trinity, Richmond.
Garrett, J. L.....	Mt. Pleasant & M. Spg	Princess Anne.
Gibbs, E. A.....	Appomattox.....	Westmoreland.
Hall, A. M.....	Pittsylvania.....	Williamsburg.
Hank, J. D.....	Wicomico	King and Queen.
Hodges, D. F.....	Henry	Franklin.
Hopkins, W. H.....	Hanover.....	Appomattox.
Howard, J. W.....	Princess Anne.....	Louisa.
Hughes, J. W.....	Patrick.....	Southampton.
Hunter, J. S.....	Local relation	Bedford Springs.
Jennings, T. C.....	M. P. Conference.....	Hampton.
Jones, J. W. F.....	Spottsylvania	South Staunton.
Jones, J. N.....	Gordonsville.....	Nelson.
Jordan, E. M.....	Northumberland.....	Berlin.
Jordan, W. P.....	Bertie.....	West Charlotte.
Judkins, W. E.....	Market St., Petersb'g	Dinwiddie St., Portsmouth.
Lambeth, S. S.....	Charlottesville.....	Elizabeth City.
Langhorne, G. W.....	Centenary, Lynchb'g	Market Street, Petersburg.
Lear, Jos	New Kent.....	York.
Linney, H. M.....	Supern'y relation	Coalfield.
Lumsden, J. D.....	Hampton and York..	Indian Ridge.
Lumpkin, J. T.....	Local relation	Patrick.
Martin, James C.....	Pungoteague	Gloucester.
McClelland, Jno.....	M. P. Conference.....	Smithfield Circuit.
McGee, Wm.....	M. P. Conference.....	East Norfolk Circuit.
Merritt, J. B.....	Eastville.....	West Amherst.
Moore, Lloyd	Eastville.....	Deale's Island.
Nolley, Geo. W.....	Caroline.....	Oregon and Sidney.
Payne, W. E.....	Local relation	Orange.
Peterson, E. M.....	Gloucester.....	Clay Street, Richmond.
Proctor, J. A	Trinity, Richmond....	Danville.
Ray, Geo. H.....	Burkeville	Mt. Pleasant and Wesleyan.
Reed, L. S.....	Baltimore Conference	Amherst.
Rhodes, J. Q.....	Berlin.....	Spottsylvania.
Riddick, J. H.....	Supern'y relation	Harrellsville Circuit.
Rosser, Leo	Con. Missionary.....	Sabbath School Agent.
Southall, J. D.....	Supern'y relation	Charlotte.
Taylor, W. C	Southampton.....	Montross.
Tennille, B. F.....	Norfolk Circuit.....	Meherrin.
Tucker, J. W.....	Greene.....	Pittsylvania.
Vaden, W. C.....	Indian Ridge.....	South of Dan.
Waggener, J. R.....	Bedford Springs.....	Hanover.
Ware, T. A.....	Clay St., Richmond..	Salisbury, Md.
Watts, C. E.....	Westmoreland	Eastville.
Wiles, Alfred.....	Prospect.....	Matthews.
Wills, D. P.....	Norfolk District.....	Petersburg District.
Williams, W. G.....	Nelson.....	Second Street, Portsmouth.
Wilson, E. P.....	Petersburg District..	Hicksford Circuit.
Wise, Thos. P.....	Local relation.....	Providence.
Wright, W. P.....	Elizabeth City.....	Gates.

VIII.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

TO EXAMINE CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION.

Chas. H. Hall, *Chairman*,
James C. Watson,

Wm. W. Duncan,
Beverly W. Daugherty.

FIRST YEAR.

Wm. E. Judkins, *Chairman*,
Rob't W. Watts,
Wm. E. Edwards,
James M. Anderson.

SECOND YEAR.

James A. Duncan, *Chairman*,
Joseph A. Proctor,
Wm. G. Starr,
Adam C. Bledsoe.

THIRD YEAR.

Rob't N. Sledd, *Chairman*,
George H. Ray,
Joseph H. Amiss,
James O. Moss.

FOURTH YEAR.

Paul Whitehead, *Chairman*.
John B. Dey,
James R. Waggener,
Sam'l S. Lambeth.

COURSE OF STUDY.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.—The Bible, in reference to doctrines generally; Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith, and on the Witness of the Spirit; Book of Discipline; the ordinary branches of an English education.

FIRST YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to its historical and biographical parts and chronology; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chap. I., Secs. 1 and 2; Manual of Discipline, Chaps. I. and II.; Wesley's Sermon's, Vol. I.; Ralston's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, Part IV.; Preachers' Manual; Written Sermon on Repentance.

Books of Reference.—Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary; Theological Compend; Fletcher's Works; Watson's Life of Wesley.

SECOND YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to its Prophetical parts; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. II.; Watson's Institutes, Part III.; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chaps. II., III. and IV.; Manual of Discipline, Chaps. III. and IV.; Coppee's Rhetoric; Written Sermon on Justification by Faith.

Books of Reference.—Newton or Keith on the Prophecies; Angus' Handbook of the Bible; Claude's Essay on the Composition of a Sermon; Watson's Sermons; Bickerstith on the Spirit of Life; Whately's Rhetoric.

THIRD YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to the Life of Christ; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. III.; Watson's Institutes, Part II.; Coppee's Logic; Rivers' Mental Philosophy; Edgar's Variations of Popery; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chap. V. to the end; Manual of Discipline, Chaps. V., VI., and VII.; Written Sermon on the Witness of the Spirit.

Books of Reference.—Young's Christ of History; Neander's Life of Christ; Hickok's Mental Science; Vinet's Pastoral Theology; Stevens' History of Methodism; Paines's Life of McKendree; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Whately's Logic.

FOURTH YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to the Acts and Epistles, their analysis and design; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. IV.; Watson's Institutes, Part I.; Powell on Apostolical Succession; Hickok's Moral Science; Mosheim's Church History; Summers on Baptism; Book of Discipline reviewed; Manual of Discipline, Chaps. VIII. and IX.; Written Sermon on Regeneration.

Books of Reference.—Butler's Analogy; Bingham's Antiquities; Rivers' Moral Philosophy; Hoppin's Homiletics; Wall on Infant-Baptism; Litton's Church of Christ; Neander's Church History; Liddon on the Divinity of our Lord; Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

COMMENTARIES.—Clarke's, Watson's Exposition, Wesley's Notes, Summers on the Gospels, Stier's Words of the Lord Jesus, Lange on the New Testament, Olshausen on the New Testament, Alford on the New Testament, Bloomfield on the New Testament, Macknight on the Epistles, Henry's Exposition, Whitby's Commentary.

NOTE.—The Examination will be confined to the Course of Study. The books of Reference are recommended to be read, and the Commentaries to be consulted.

IX.—FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 1870.

I.—Receipts on account of Traveling Expenses, Salaries, Missions, Conference Coll., Bishops' Fund, and R. M. College.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Traveling Expenses Paid.	SALARIES.			MISSIONS.			CONF. COLL.		BISHRPS' FUND.		R.M.COLLEGE.	
		Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Foreign	Domes- tic.	For'n Miss. Debt.	Asses'd	Paid.	Asses'd	Paid.	Asses d	Paid.
RICHMOND DISTRICT.													
Richmond—Centenary.....	\$100 00	\$1,500 00	\$1,350 00	\$150 00									
Broad Street.....	8 85	2,300 00	2,300 00		\$50 00	\$171 31		\$70 00	\$90 50	\$20 00	\$35 00	\$35 00	\$35 00
Trinity.....		1,600 00	1,600 00			130 00		70 00	90 00	20 00	30 00	36 00	35 00
Clay Street.....		1,560 00	1,560 00		20 00	47 40		70 00	70 00	20 00	21 00	30 00	30 00
Union.....	50 00	1,000 00	772 79	227 21		15 00		55 00	25 86	15 00	10 00		
Rocketts, Sidney, Oregon.....		1,400 00	1,150 00	250 00		50 00		55 00	57 00	15 00	15 00	14 00	14 00
Manchester.....		800 00	515 18	284 82									
Charles City.....	9 00	1,500 00	1,84 23	415 77	1 00	5 50		30 00	22 68	10 00	6 00		1 00
New Kent.....	8 00	800 00	800 00		28 00	5 00		55 00	10 00	15 00	10 00	15 00	11 00
King William.....		600 00	400 00	200 00	3 00	7 30			21 00		10 60		
Mathews.....	15 00	300 00	233 46	66 54	12 00				8 00		5 00		15 00
Gloucester.....		1,000 00	1,000 00		11 80	12 00		75 00	75 00	20 00	20 00	35 00	35 00
Williamsburg.....		800 00	800 00		20 00			75 00	51 50	20 00	20 00		
		450 00	450 00		5 00	15 00		5 00	4 00	5 00	2 15		
	\$190 85	\$15,610 00	\$14,015 66	\$1,594 34	\$150 80	\$458 51	.....	\$560 00	\$525 54	\$160 00	\$184 75	\$165 00	\$176 00
CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.													
Charlottesville.....	\$44 00	\$1,100 00	\$836 49	\$263 51									
Albemarle.....		820 00	820 00		\$17 32	\$34 20		\$25 92	\$25 92	\$11 76	\$11 76		
Scottsville.....	54 11	1,000 00	735 00	265 00	21 00	15 00		75 20	35 00	28 20	28 20		\$20 00
Howardsville.....	15 00	700 00	215 04	484 96	5 00	27 76		41 30	10 85	17 40	5 00		
Fluvanna.....		600 00	311 35	288 65	7 40	17 50		43 20	7 70	16 20	3 63		8 67
Gordonville.....	13 80	750 00	362 10	387 90	7 65	10 00		54 40	13 34	20 40	6 00		10 00
Orange.....		300 00	300 00		8 00			16 00	16 00	6 00	6 00	\$6 38	6 38
Louisa.....		175 00	175 00		7 10	6 00		20 00	7 50	7 50	5 00		8 00
Batesville.....	15 00	918 00	680 00	238 00	5 00	4 00		60 00	25 00	20 00	12 00		5 00
Madison.....	15 00	500 00	395 25	104 75	11 00	13 00		42 24	42 24	16 08	16 08	11 00	5 00
Greene.....	8 00	825 00	700 00	125 00	11 00	24 11		51 20	51 20	19 20	19 20	19 20	11 00
Goochland.....		600 00	404 07	195 93		5 00		40 00	20 00	15 00	8 00	15 00	8 00
Beaver Dam.....		450 00	355 05	94 95	5 40	6 00		36 00	7 74	13 30	3 86		
		225 00	225 00		5 00	18 00		49 50	22 00	18 60	8 00		10 00
	\$164 91	\$8,963 00	\$6,514 35	\$2,448 65	\$110 87	\$180 57	.....	\$554 96	\$284 49	\$209 64	\$132 73	\$51 58	\$92 05

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.													
Lynchburg—Centenary.....	\$30 00	\$1,700 00	\$1,550 00	\$150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Court Street.....	11 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Amherst.....	6 50	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Amherst.....	7 00	1,000 00	901 28	98 72	\$44 06	70 00	\$30 00	69 92	69 92	26 22	26 22	\$25 00	\$25 00
Nelson.....	10 00	500 00	500 00	.....	2 50	3 00	.....	34 00	34 40	12 90	12 90	.....	50
Bedford.....	.....	280 00	280 00	.....	6 90	2 00	.....	35 20	35 20	13 20	13 20	.....	25 00
South Bedford.....	.....	1,100 00	1,100 00	.....	8 00	10 00	.....	80 00	50 00	30 00	21 00	25 00	25 00
Bedford Springs.....	.....	400 00	325 66	74 34	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 90	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty.....	10 00	600 00	487 22	112 78	2 25	4 00	.....	34 24	13 00	12 48	8 00	.....	14 00
Appomattox.....	9 25	500 00	500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 48	10 87	6 18	4 88	.....	5 00
Campbell.....	.....	650 00	445 95	204 05	2 53	6 00	.....	60 80	10 00	22 80	3 26	.....	.....
Buckingham.....	10 00	555 00	500 00	55 00	3 00	9 00	.....	66 45	15 75	22 30	6 20	.....	10 00
Prospect.....	35 00	600 00	432 34	167 66	5 50	.....	.....	48 00	31 51	18 00	12 00	.....	2 05
Big Island.....	15 00	500 00	479 90	20 10	.....	2 27	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 80	.....	.....
Leesville Mission.....	.....	187 60	187 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	40 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$143 75	\$11,312 60	\$10,429 95	\$882 65	\$74 74	\$316 49	\$30 00	\$523 09	\$366 41	\$180 28	\$148 48	\$50 00	\$81 55
DANVILLE DISTRICT.													
Danville.....	\$3 00	\$785 00	\$464 65	\$320 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charlotte.....	.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South of Dan.....	.....	830 00	418 77	411 23	\$10 00	31 71	.....	\$60 00	18 29	\$20 00	4 00	.....	\$1 00
Kingold and Banister.....	50 00	600 00	316 03	283 97	11 28	3 43	.....	64 00	7 04	19 00	2 08	.....	4 06
Pittsylvania.....	30 00	200 00	94 00	106 00	.....	4 25	.....	4 25	4 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Staunton.....	40 00	525 00	321 13	203 87	8 00	16 05	.....	35 00	29 26	18 00	4 65	.....	.....
Franklin.....	.....	300 00	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Henry.....	.....	450 00	257 00	193 00	1 10	13 00	.....	44 00	9 50	13 00	5 6	.....	.....
Patrick.....	.....	545 00	319 65	225 35	14 00	25 00	.....	38 00	22 00	12 00	8 00	.....	5 00
Halifax.....	20 00	200 00	142 25	57 75	5 00	10 80	.....	24 00	19 80	9 00	6 25	.....	1 95
	.....	800 00	653 52	146 48	11 00	23 16	.....	64 00	40 34	19 00	11 75	\$27 00	.....
	\$143 00	\$6,235 00	\$4,287 00	\$1,948 00	\$60 38	\$139 40	.....	\$333 25	\$174 88	\$110 00	\$57 33	\$27 00	\$12 01
FARMVILLE DISTRICT.													
Farmville.....	\$50 00	\$1,250 00	\$955 00	\$295 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant & Min'l Spring.....	.....	1,008 00	1,008 00	.....	\$11 00	\$22 05	.....	.....	\$45 85	.....	\$10 00	.....	.....
Burkeville.....	.....	900 00	771 30	128 70	.....	.....	.....	\$20 00	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lunenburg.....	.....	600 00	230 00	370 00	10 00	34 00	.....	25 00	25 00	\$15 00	15 00	.....	\$5 00
Boydton.....	.....	1,000 00	827 50	172 50	20 00	30 00	\$40 00	75 00	75 00	25 00	25 00	\$30 00	30 00
Mecklenburg.....	15 00	1,100 00	1,100 00	.....	25 78	15 00	.....	56 00	56 00	21 00	21 00	22 31	22 31
Brunswick.....	.....	830 00	649 19	180 81	26 00	52 25	.....	75 00	47 27	30 00	22 42	.....	.....
Nottoway.....	.....	800 00	750 00	50 00	.....	10 00	.....	75 00	65 80	25 00	12 27	.....	.....
Amelia.....	.....	1,000 00	800 00	200 00	.....	29 50	15 00	70 00	60 00	20 00	21 00	.....	.....
Powhatan.....	.....	1,000 00	712 47	287 53	9 76	20 00	.....	70 00	28 73	20 00	10 76	.....	6 03
Cumberland.....	.....	400 00	327 57	72 43	2 00	2 50	.....	50 00	50 00	15 00	15 00	23 00	5 00
Greensville.....	50 50	800 00	640 11	159 89	.....	5 05	.....	53 00	25 00	15 00	15 00	.....	2 50
	.....	600 00	213 50	386 50	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$115 50	\$11,288 00	\$8,984 64	\$2,303 86	\$106 04	\$221 85	\$55 00	\$569 00	\$482 15	\$186 00	\$166 45	\$75 31	\$70 83

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1870.—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Traveling Expenses Paid.	SALARIES.			MISSIONS.			CONF. COLL.		BISHOPS' FUND		R.M.COLLEGE.	
		Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Foreign	Domestic.	For'n Miss. Debt.	Asses'd	Paid.	Asses'd	Paid.	Asses'd	Paid.
PETERSBURG DISTRICT.													
Petersburg—Washington st.....		\$1,600 00	\$1,365 00	\$235 00									
Market Street.....	\$3 00	2,000 00	2,000 00		\$23 75	\$152 05	\$41 41	\$112 00	\$112 00	\$33 00	\$33 00		\$41 00
Wesley Chapel.....		1,600 00	1,600 00		31 25	77 60		69 00	108 60	21 00	33 00	\$30 00	30 00
High Street.....		1,200 00	1,043 97	156 03	2 75	5 50			1 30		1 25		
Ettricks.....									15 60				14 00
Chesterfield.....		1,137 00	461 42	675 58		17 87	4 72	41 00	7 25		3 00		
Coalfield and Clover Hill.....	4 50	175 00	175 00		21 14	3 00		37 00	34 00	12 00	7 00		
West Dinwiddie.....		691 00	634 80	56 20	7 05	3 00	2 00	38 00	38 00	18 00	9 64		29 00
Dinwiddie.....		303 00	215 12	84 88		16 52		27 00	27 00	7 00	18 00	11 00	11 00
Sussex.....		975 00	795 00	180 00		12 50		27 00	19 45	6 00	7 00		3 80
Hicksford.....		800 00	800 00		1 50	24 00		70 00	55 59	21 00	5 00		17 00
Prince George Mission.....		216 00	151 72	64 28	10 00				40 25		16 00		
Surry.....		500 00	268 58	231 42		5 95			5 00		15 00		
Smithfield Station.....		950 00	700 00	250 00	2 00	27 40			3 00				
Smithfield Circuit.....	13 00	461 00	300 00	161 00	9 00	10 00			10 81		5 00		
									5 00		3 00		
	\$20 50	\$12,605 00	\$10,510 61	\$2,094 39	\$108 44	\$355 39	\$48 13	\$378 00	\$482 85	\$118 00	\$155 89	\$41 00	\$145 80
MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.													
Murfreesboro.....	\$69 00	\$1,000 00	\$867 16	\$132 84									
Northampton.....	21 25	578 25	578 25		\$15 50	\$28 37		\$23 68	\$71 10	\$8 88	\$23 00		\$21 00
Bertie.....	51 50	780 00	586 66	193 34	110 00	12 00		80 00	70 87	25 00	10 00	\$24 75	24 75
Edenton.....		150 00	111 00	39 00									
Hertford.....	20 00	750 00	623 23	126 77	20 50	7 60			36 05		15 25		24 50
Pasquotank.....	9 00	150 00	125 00	25 00									
Elizabeth City.....	16 00	450 00	450 00		4 80	7 20		21 00	21 00	6 50	6 50		9 00
Indian Ridge.....		635 00	500 00	135 00		15 95		92 00	21 65	29 00	15 00		
Suffolk.....		834 00	631 00	203 00	4 00	6 00		80 00	19 00	40 00	10 00		
Gates.....	30 00	600 00	600 00		11 00	17 00		25 00	17 70	13 00	9 00		16 00
Southampton.....	12 00	900 00	526 05	373 95	10 40	9 00		80 00	12 75		4 65		17 50
Currituck Mission.....		1,000 00	1,000 00		16 00	16 00		53 00	70 00	17 00	17 00		22 00
	5 00	450 00	414 36	35 64	10 00	8 00		80 00	38 00	26 00	10 30		18 00
	2 00	302 00	218 44	83 56	13 20	19 80		85 00	73 50	26 50	26 50	36 00	30 50
		252 00	252 00										
	\$271 75	\$9,479 25	\$8,131 15	\$1,348 10	\$215 40	\$146 92		\$619 68	\$451 62	\$191 88	\$147 20	\$60 75	\$183 25

NORFOLK DISTRICT.													
Norfolk—Cumberland St.....	\$125 00	\$1,500 00	\$1,422 00	\$78 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Granby Street.....	6 50	1,641 67	1,641 67	.....	.....	\$41 68	287 30	\$85 00	\$118 34	\$22 00	\$30 00	\$35 00	\$35 00
Portsmouth—Dinwiddie st.....	6 25	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	.....	61 39	261 30	85 00	100 43	22 00	30 00	50 00	50 00
Second Street.....	.....	1,700 00	1,700 00	.....	10 00	25 67	.....	75 00	89 15	22 00	22 00	.....	11 11
Wesley Chapel.....	.....	500 00	500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norfolk Circuit.....	.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	10 00	.....	5 00
East Norfolk Circuit.....	28 00	350 00	350 00	.....	12 00	23 00	.....	35 00	26 46	15 00	8 18	.....	1 00
Princess Anne.....	.....	600 00	600 00	.....	43 60	5 10	\$60 55	65 00	32 59	20 00	11 43	.....	15 25
Eastville.....	40 00	990 00	755 16	144 84	12 50	37 50	.....	60 00	47 00	25 00	10 00	.....	.....
Pungoteague.....	.....	797 00	623 50	173 50	.....	18 95	.....	40 00	19 00	10 00	5 60	.....	3 00
Atlantic.....	50 00	850 00	850 00	.....	20 00	56 85	.....	85 00	124 00	22 00	22 00	43 80	43 50
Wicomico.....	30 00	900 00	9 0 00	.....	18 75	56 25	.....	60 00	60 00	15 00	15 00	.....	25 00
Berlin.....	.....	125 00	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge.....	20 00	600 00	600 00	.....	11 73	.....	.....	42 00	42 00	15 00	15 00	.....	.....
Dorchester.....	57 62	250 00	250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hampton and York.....	25 00	500 00	500 00	.....	9 81	.....	.....	20 00	18 00	10 00	6 50	.....	.....
.....	.....	941 38	700 00	241 38	.....	46 39	.....	60 00	26 47	20 00	6 00	.....	.....
.....	.....	700 00	604 39	95 61	4 00	11 90	.....	25 00	25 00	10 00	10 00	.....	9 05
.....	\$388 37	\$16,055 05	\$15,321 72	\$733 33	\$142 39	\$384 58	612 15	\$740 00	\$761 44	\$223 00	\$201 11	\$128 80	\$197 91
RAPPAHANNOCK DISTRICT.													
Rappahannock.....	.....	\$1,010 00	\$714 59	\$295 41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Culpeper.....	.....	500 00	375 00	125 00	\$8 80	\$9 75	.....	\$35 00	\$7 00	\$10 00	\$3 00	.....	\$14 00
Spottsylvania.....	.....	1,185 00	374 00	811 00	.....	15 85	.....	50 00	9 25	15 00	6 41	\$20 00	11 55
Caroline.....	\$9 20	165 00	73 06	91 94	.....	2 60	.....	30 00	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
King George.....	.....	450 00	200 00	250 00	.....	3 75	.....	75 00	28 60	25 00	25	.....	.....
Westmoreland.....	.....	150 00	80 00	70 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northumberland.....	.....	600 00	466 07	133 93	22 00	12 87	.....	70 00	37 75	20 00	21 00	10 00	12 16
Lancaster.....	28 00	725 00	485 90	239 10	39 78	15 00	.....	60 00	21 09	20 00	11 00	.....	11 00
Middlesex.....	.....	135 00	112 00	23 00	4 45	13 00	.....	25 00	17 00	8 00	4 00	20 00	7 00
King and Queen.....	.....	800 00	598 41	201 59	10 00	30 00	.....	60 00	41 00	18 00	18 00	25 00	25 00
Hanover.....	.....	650 00	650 00	.....	24 55	10 30	.....	75 00	50 86	25 00	20 75	32 00	34 25
.....	.....	415 00	185 00	.....	10 00	2 00	.....	90 00	22 00	28 00	15 00	35 00	21 50
.....	.....	890 00	667 35	222 65	13 75	31 54	\$10 87	65 00	46 00	20 00	15 65	30 00	44 60
.....	\$37 20	\$7,860 00	\$5,211 38	\$2,648 62	\$133 33	\$146 66	\$10 87	\$635 00	\$283 30	\$181 00	\$115 06	\$152 00	\$181 06

ROB'T W. WATTS, *Secretary.*

GEO. M. BAIN, *Treasurer.*

A. G. BROWN, *Chairman Joint Board Finance.*

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1870.—CONTINUED.

II.—Comparative Statement of Finances.

The following table has been carefully prepared in order to give a comparative view of the finances, by Districts, for 1869 and 1870.—P. A. P.

DISTRICTS.	SALARIES.						AVERAGE PAID PER WHITE MEMBER.										
	Average Asses'd		Average Paid.		Deficit.		For Salaries.		For Missions.		For Support of Bishops.		Conference Collection.		R. M. Col'g.	For all.	
	1869.	1870.	1869.	1870.	1869.	1870.	1869.	1870.	1869.	1870.	1869.	1870.	1869.	1870.	1870.	1869.	1870.
					¢ ct.	¢ ct.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.		
Richmond	\$1,176	\$1,115	\$1,086	\$1,001	7½	10¼	301	302¾	11	12¾	4¾	4	12½	11¼	3¾	\$3 29	\$3 35
Charlottesville.....	557	640	427	465	23	27½	161	162	4¾	7¼	4½	3¾	10¼	7	2¼	1 81	1 82
Lynchburg.....	824	808	575	745	30¼	8	207	234¾	22	9½	4¾	3¾	9¼	8¼	1¾	2 43	2 58
Danville	488	567	346	390	29	31¼	126	132½	3¾	6	2½	1¾	5½	5½	½	1 39	1 46
Farmville.....	888	868	705	691	20	20¾	208	204	6½	8½	4¾	3¾	11	11	1½	2 30	2 29
Petersburg.....	854	900	692	751	19	16½	233	261¼	12½	12¾	4	3¾	11½	12	3½	2 61	2 94
Murfreesboro.....	696	729	552	625	20	14¼	130	141¼	5½	6½	2½	2¾	7½	8¼	3¾	1 46	1 62
Norfolk.....	848	944	804	901	5	4½	286	293½	12½	21½	4½	3¾	15	14½	3¾	3 17	3 38
Rappahannock.....	670	655	415	434	38	33½	128	124¾	4½	7	2½	2¾	6½	¾	4½	1 41	1 46
WHOLE CONFERENCE..	770	815	619	684	19½	16	199	209½	12	12	4	3¾	10	9½	3	2 25	2 37

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

III.—Report of Treasurer of Conference Collection.

Amount necessary to meet the claims of the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers.....\$6,000 00

COLLECTED:

From Richmond District.....	\$525 54
“ Charlottesville District.....	284 49
“ Lynchburg District.....	366 41
“ Danville District.....	174 88
“ Farmville District.....	482 15
“ Petersburg District.....	482 85
“ Murfreesboro District.....	451 62
“ Norfolk District.....	761 44
“ Bappahannock District.....	283 55
Remaining in hands of A. G. Brown, (1869).....	150 52
	<u>\$3,963 45</u>

PAID TO

Jacob Shough.....\$	140 00	Amount brought up.....	\$2,309 50
J. C. Garlick.....	210 00	Miss S. J. Robertson.....	28 00
H. Billups.....	70 00	Child of Rev. W. P. Twyman.....	28 00
Joseph Carson.....	70 00	Mrs. A. Boyd.....	52 50
Wm. A. Robinson.....	119 00	Mrs. Thos. C. Hayes.....	52 50
S. T. Moorman.....	140 00	Mrs. M. M. Ward.....	52 50
H. T. Bacon.....	70 00	Mrs. Wonnycott.....	168 00
Mrs. Childs.....	105 00	Miss Ella Wonnycott.....	28 00
Mrs. B. Gibson.....	150 00	Mrs. Anthony Dibrell.....	105 00
Mrs. F. Stanley.....	70 00	Mrs. J. H. Joyner.....	105 00
Mrs. M. C. Pierce.....	234 50	Mrs. Gregory.....	245 00
Mrs. M. M. Keesee.....	105 00	Mrs. Julia Wood.....	70 00
Mrs. M. Peyton.....	70 00	Mrs. B. Miles.....	70 00
Mrs. R. Scott.....	105 00	Mrs. Atmore.....	52 50
Mrs. J. D. Coulling.....	70 00	Mrs. Wm. I. Hunter.....	122 50
Mrs. J. H. Payne.....	105 00	Willie S. Hunter.....	28 00
Mrs. R. B. Shelton.....	105 00	Mrs. M. C. Spriggs.....	112 00
Mrs. Mary Bain.....	105 00	Mrs. I. M. Arnold.....	119 00
Mrs. W. C. Blount.....	133 00	Rev. R. T. Nixon's daughter.....	50 00
Mrs. A. J. Beckwith.....	133 00	Balance in hands of A. G. Brown, Chairman.....	165 45
Amount carried up.....	\$2,309 50		
Total.....			<u>\$3,963 45</u>

LYNCHBURG, Nov. 17, 1870.

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., *Treasurer.*

IV.—Report of Treasurer of the Bishops' Fund.

Collected.....	\$1,309 25
Paid Bishop Pierce for traveling Expenses.....\$	30 00
“ “ “ on account of Salary.....	279 25
Paid Bishop Early on account of Salary.....	1,000 00
	<u>\$1,309 25</u>

LYNCHBURG, Nov. 17, 1870:

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., *Treasurer.*

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

V.—Report of Treasurer of R. M. College Fund.

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer, in account with R. M. College Fund.

Dr.

Nov. 14, 1870—To amount received from Preachers at Conference
at Lynchburg.....\$1,145 46

Cr.

Nov. 14, 1870—By amount of receipts taken from Preachers in
part payment of above.....\$ 486 47
Nov. 26, 1870—Remitted to Wm. Willis..... 658 99
\$1,145 46

VI.—Report of the Treasurer of the Conference Mission Board.

1. FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer, in account with Foreign Mission Fund.

Dr.

Nov. 14, 1870—To amount received from Preachers at Conference
at Lynchburg.....\$1,107 54
Nov. 26, 1870—Received from William Willis, Jr., former
Treasurer..... 31 30
\$1,138 84

Cr.

By amount of Receipts of Dr. Munsey, received from Preachers
in part payment of the above.....\$302 40
Dec. 6, 1870—Forwarded to Dr. J. B. McFerrin check for 836 44
\$1,138 84

2. FOREIGN MISSION DEBT.

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer, in account with Foreign Mission Debt.

Dr.

Nov. 14, 1870—To amount received from Preachers at Conference
at Lynchburg.....\$756 15

Cr.

Nov. 14, 1870—By amount receipts of Dr. Munsey, received from
Preachers in part payment of above.....\$631 15
By check forwarded to Dr. J. B. McFerrin 125 00
\$756 15

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONCLUDED.

3. DOMESTIC MISSION FUND.

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer, in account with Domestic Mission Fund.

Dr.

Nov. 14, 1870—To amount received from Preachers at Conference at Lynchburg.....	\$2,350 87	
Nov. 14, 1870—To amount received at Anniversary Meeting at Court Street Church.....	528 43	
Nov. 26, 1870—To amount received of Wm. Willis, Jr., former Treasurer.....	184 29	
		<u>\$3,063 59</u>

Cr.

By receipts of H. B. Cowles.....	\$ 89 65	
“ “ of E. P. Wilson.....	26 75	
“ “ expended in Petersburg.....	220 20	
“ “ expended in Richmond.....	408 10	
“ “ expended in Lynchburg.....	180 16	
“ “ of Jacob Manning.....	172 96	
“ “ of Joseph H. Davis.....	42 56	
“ “ of James Jamieson.....	70 95	
By draft of J. E. Edwards to E. P. Wilson.....	27 30	
“ “ “ to W. E. Allen.....	108 10	
“ “ “ to Jas. Jamieson.....	20 00	
“ “ “ to W. F. Bain.....	137 13	
“ “ “ to E. H. Pritchett.....	181 26	
“ “ “ to George W. Nolley.....	116 20	
“ “ “ to J. G. Baily.....	209 00	
“ “ “ to A. G. Brown.....	189 17	
“ “ “ to W. W. Spain.....	200 00	
By receipts of Jacob Manning.....	24 00	
By amount handed Sister Allen, (special collection).....	3 25	
		<u>\$2,426 74</u>
Balance.....	636 85	
		<u>\$3,063 59</u>

X.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1871.

1. CONFERENCE COLLECTION.

Apportioned (at the rate of 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents per member) as follows:

Richmond District.....	\$ 773 00	Petersburg District.....	\$ 584 00
Charlottesville "	671 00	Murfreesboro "	918 00
Lynchburg "	741 00	Norfolk "	870 00
Danville "	523 00	Rappahannock "	685 00
Farmville "	735 00		
Total.....			\$6,600 00

2. FOR SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.

Apportioned (at the rate of 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per member) as follows:

Richmond District.....	\$ 200 00	Petersburg District.....	\$ 178 00
Charlottesville "	172 00	Murfreesboro "	234 00
Lynchburg "	191 00	Norfolk "	225 00
Danville "	135 00	Rappahannock "	176 00
Farmville "	189 00		
Total.....			\$1,700 00

3. FOR RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.

Apportioned (at the rate of 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per member) as follows:

Richmond District.....	\$ 351 00	Petersburg District	\$ 312 00
Charlottesville "	304 00	Murfreesboro "	417 00
Lynchburg "	336 00	Norfolk "	395 00
Danville "	239 00	Rappahannock "	312 00
Farmville "	334 00		
Total			\$3,000 00

4. FOR MISSIONS.

Richmond District.....	\$ 900 00	Farmville District.....	\$ 600 00
Petersburg "	900 00	Murfreesboro "	600 00
Norfolk "	900 00	Danville "	400 00
Lynchburg "	800 00	Rappahannock "	400 00
Charlottesville "	500 00		
Total.....			\$6,000 00

A. G. BROWN,

ROB'T W. WATTS, Sec'y.

Chairman Joint Board Finance.

LYNCHBURG, Nov. 17, 1870.

XI.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

I.—TRAVELING MINISTERS.

The figures in the second column give the date of admission *on trial* in the traveling connection.

The letters denote, E—Elder; D—Deacon; P—Probationer; Sy—Super-numerary; Sd—Superannuated.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) were not present during the session.

Where the State is not given the Postoffice is in Virginia.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
1. Allen, Wm. E.	1859	E	Smithfield.
2. Ames, Benjamin T.*	1858	D Sd	Locustville, Accomac county.
3. Amiss, Joseph H.	1854	E	Coman's Well, Sussex county.
4. Anderson, James M.	1857	E	Mechum's River, Albemarle county.
5. Armistead, Robert A.	1868	E	Portsmouth.
6. August, Peter F.	1846	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
7. Bacon, Herbert T.	1865	E	Clarksville, Mecklenburg county.
8. Bain, Wm. F.	1851	E	Edge Hill, King George county.
9. Bayley, John	1840	E	Scottsville, Albemarle county.
10. Bayton, Thomas J.	1846	E	Lancaster Court House.
11. Beadles, Robert B.	1855	E	Gravel Hill, Buckingham county.
12. Beckham, Thomas M.	1863	E	Burkeville.
13. Bennett, William W.	1842	E	Richmond City.
14. Billups, Humphrey*	1837	E Sd	Matthews Court House.
15. Bingley, Charles V.	1859	E	Cambridge, Md.
16. Bishop, Milton L.	1848	E	Palmyra, Fluvanna county.
17. Blackwell, John D.	1846	E	Suffolk, Nansemond county.
18. Bledsoe, Adam C.	1861	E	Onancock, Accomac county.
19. Bledsoe, James W.	1869	D	Prospect, Prince Edward county.
20. Blincoe, James W.	1857	E	Lawrenceville, Brunswick county.
21. Blogg, Edward N. S.	1860	E	Baltimore, Md.
22. Boggs, Thomas H.	1855	E	Saluda, Middlesex county.
23. Booker, George E.	1859	E	Petersburg.
24. Bowles, Henry C.	1860	E	Shady Grove, Franklin county.
25. Brannin, James F.	1845	E Sy	Bowenville, Fauquier county.
26. Brown, Alexander G.	1853	E	Portsmouth.
27. Butts, Daniel G.	1870	P	Ashland, Hanover county.
28. Campbell, Thomas S.*	1831	E Sy	Mt. Pinson, Jefferson county, Ala.
29. Camper, Wm. H.	1859	E	Stanardsville, Greene county.
30. Carson, Joseph*	1805	E Sd	Culpeper Court House.
31. Carson, Robert I.*	1829	E Sy	Windsor, N. C.
32. Cheatham, Henry C.	1857	E	Norfolk city.
33. Christian, William H.	1852	E	Manchester.
34. Cobb, William R.*	1868	E	United States Navy.
35. Colonna, Major S.	1858	E	Hertford, N. C.
36. Compton, James W.	1860	E	Windsor, N. C.
37. Compton, Robert A.	1862	E	Liberty, Bedford county.
38. Connelly, James W.*	1860	E	Surry Court House.
39. Cowles, Henry B.	1831	E	Lynchburg.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
40. Crocker, William A.	1843	E	Heathsville, Northumberland co.
41. Crooks, Robert N.	1865	E	Davis' Mills, Bedford county.
42. Crown, James H.	1856	E	Barhamsville, New Kent county.
43. Dance, Mathew M.	1812	E Sd	Meherrin Depot, Prince Edward co.
44. Daugherty, Beverly W.	1855	E	Edenton, N. C.
45. Davis, Joseph H.	1836	E	Hague, Westmoreland county.
46. Davis, Fielding A.	1837	E	Chesterfield Court House.
47. Devany, Benjamin.*	1806	E Sd	Jerusalem, Southampton county.
48. Dey, John B.	1847	E	Charlottesville.
49. Diggs, Thomas	1843	E	Petersburg.
50. Duncan, James A.	1849	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
51. Duncan, William W.	1859	E	Norfolk city.
52. Early, Thomas H.	1857	E Sy	Lynchburg.
53. Edwards, John E.	1835	E	Richmond.
54. Edwards, William E.	1862	E	Lynchburg.
55. Edwards, Francis M.	1863	E	Farmville.
56. Ferguson, Richard	1869	E	Prince George Court House.
57. Finnell, James F.	1853	E	Beaver Dam, Hanover county.
58. Fisher, James L.	1848	E	Gordonsville.
59. Garrett, Joshua L.	1866	E	Princess Anne Court House.
60. Garland, James P.	1858	E	Richmond city.
61. Garlick, John C.*	1839	E Sd	Garysburg, N. C.
62. Gary, Hartwell H.	1839	E	Charlottesville.
63. Gibbs, Esmond A.	1846	E	Kinsale, Westmoreland county.
64. Granbery, John C.	4848	E	Richmond City.
65. Gregory, Robert A.*	1844	E Sd	
66. Guy, George N.	1861	E	Wilson's Depot, Dinwiddie county.
67. Hall, Alexander M.	1852	E	Williamsburg.
68. Hall, Charles H.	1853	E	Petersburg.
69. Hank, Josiah D.	1866	E	Stevensville, King & Queen county.
70. Hansberger, Layton J.	1839	E	Sunny-Side, Cumberland county.
71. Hildrup, John W.	1866	D	Campbell C. H.
72. Hobday, Charles E.	1867	D	Pierce's, Goochland county.
73. Hodges, David F.	1867	D	Rocky Mount, Franklin county.
74. Howard, John W.	1845	E	Louisa Court-House.
75. Hopkins, William H.	1867	E	Concord Depot, Campbell county.
76. Hughes, James A.	1869	P	Newsom's Depot.
77. Hunter, Joshua S.	1870	P	Forest Depot, Bedford county.
78. Jamieson, James	1829	E	Danville.
79. Jennings, Thomas C.*	1845	E	Norfolk City.
80. Johnson, B. H.	1838	E	St. Tammany, Mecklenburg county.
81. Jordan, William P.	1869	P	Charlotte Court-House.
82. Jordan, Edward M.	1869	P	Berlin, Md.
83. Jones, John W. F.	1859	E	
84. Jones, John N.	1866	E	Montreal, Nelson county.
85. Judkins, William E.	1853	E	Portsmouth.
86. Lafferty, John J.*	1857	E Sy	Lexington.
87. Lambeth, Samuel S.*	1857	E	Elizabeth City, N. C.
88. Langhorne, George W.	1830	E	Petersburg.
89. Laurens, John B.	1853	E Sy	Petersburg.
90. Lear, Joseph	1834	E	Yorktown.
91. Lee, Leroy M.	1828	E	Richmond City.
92. Linney, Henry M.	1842	E	Clover Hill, Chesterfield county.
93. Littleton, Oscar	1850	E	Temperanceville, Accomac county.
94. Lumpkin, William G.	1854	E	Blacks and Whites, Nottoway co.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
95. Lumpkin, James T.	1870	P	Penn's Store, Patrick county,
96. Lumsden, James D.	1838	E	Currituck Court-house, N. C.
97. Manning, Jacob	1839	E	Charlottesville.
98. Martin, James C.	1859	E	Gloucester Court-House.
99. Martin, Joseph E.	1862	E	Portsmouth.
100. McAden, James*	1814	E Sy	South Hill, Mecklenburg county.
101. McClelland, John*	1845	E	Smithfield, Isle of Wight county.
102. McGee, William	1843	E	Norfolk city.
103. McMullan, Jeremiah	1850	E	Meadsville, Halifax county.
104. McSparran, James E.	1857	E	Jackson, N. C.
105. Merritt, Joseph B.	1862	E	Harris' Creek, Amherst county.
106. Michaels, Robert	1836	E	Farmville, Prince Edward county.
107. Mitchell, Hezekiah P.	1854	E	Smithfield, Isle of Wight county.
108. Moore, Lloyd*	1852	E	Deal's Island, Md.
109. Moorman, Sam'l T.*	1828	E Sd	Richmond city.
110. Moss, James O.	1856	E	Cambridge, Md.
111. Nolley, George W.	1825	E	Richmond city.
112. Norfleet, William J.	1840	E Sy	Edenton, N. C.
113. Payne, William E.	1869	P	Orange Court-House.
114. Peterson, Peter A.	1852	E	Norfolk city.
115. Peterson, Edward M.	1852	E	Richmond city.
116. Poulton, John F.*	1853	E Sy	Alexandria.
117. Potts, Joseph E.	1853	E	Amelia Court-House.
118. Pritchett, Edgar H.	1859	E	Culpeper Court-House.
119. Proctor, Joseph A.	1852	E	Danville.
120. Proctor, Jacob H.*	1857	E Sy	Wilson's Depot, Dinwiddie county.
121. Ray, George H.	1853	E	Moore's Ordinary, Prince Ed. co.
122. Reed, Lemuel S.	1849	E	Amherst Court-House.
123. Reed, James C.	1868	E	Ballsville, Powhatan county.
124. Rhodes, James Q.	1869	P	Clover Green, Spottsylvania county.
125. Riddick, James A.*	1833	E Sy	Stony Creek, Sussex county.
126. Riddick, Joseph H.	1854	E	Harrellsville, N. C.
127. Robins, Wilbur F.	1862	E	Amissville, Rappahannock county.
128. Robinson, William A*	1851	E Sd	Pierce's, Goochland county.
129. Rosser, Leonidas	1840	E	Richmond city.
130. Rowe, John G.	1849	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
131. Rowzie, William B.	1829	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
132. Saunders, John M.	1842	E	Liberty, Bedford county.
133. Shough, Jacob*	1839	E Sd	Patrick Court-House.
134. Sledd, Robert N.	1857	E	Lynchburg.
135. Southall, John D.	1842	E	Mossing Ford, Charlotte county.
136. Spain, William W.	1859	E	Powellton, Brunswick county.
137. Spencer, James L.*	1850	E Sy	Nottoway Court-House.
138. Spiller, Benjamin C.*	1848	E Sy	Pierce's, Goochland county.
139. Starr, William G.	1865	E	Suffolk, Nansemond county.
140. Stewart, Alexander*	1839	E Sd	Murfreesboro, N. C.
141. Taylor, J. Travis	1867	D	Dinwiddie Court-House.
142. Taylor, Walter C.	1869	D	Mhntross, Westmoreland county.
143. Tennille, Benjamin F.	1867	D	Not known.
144. Tucker, John W.	1861	E	Pittsylvania Court-House.
145. Vaden, Wesley C.	1861	E	Harmony, Halifax county.
146. Vanderslice, Geo. C.*	1859	E	Curl's Wharf, Henrico county.
147. Waggener, James R.	1849	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
148. Wallace, David M.	1853	E	Boydton, Mecklenburg co.
149. Ware, Thomas A.	1848	E	Salisbury, Md.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
150. Watson, James C.	1859	E	Brickland, Lunenburg county.
151. Watts, Rob't W.	1857	E	Madison Court-House.
152. Watts, Charles E.	1866	E	Eastville, Northampton county.
153. White, John W.	1828	E	Newsom's Depot, Southampton co.
154. Whitehead, Paul	1853	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
155. Wiles, Alfred	1848	E	Matthews Court-House. .
156. Wills, Davis P.	1846	E	Petersburg.
157. Williams, Benj. M.*	1858	E Sd	In Texas.
158. Williams, William G.	1850	E	Portsmouth.
159. Williams, Thomas L.	1853	E	Elizabeth City, N. C.
160. Wilson, Edward P.	1842	E	Hicksford, Greenville county.
161. Wise, Thomas P.	1863	D	New Kent Court-House.
162. Woodward, Benj. F.	1844	E	Richmond.
163. Woodward, John P.*	1853	E	Prince George Court-House.
164. Wright, William P.	1867	E	Gatesville, N. C.
165. Wright, George M.	1869	P	King William Court-House.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.—CONTINUED.

II.—LAY DELEGATES TO THE SESSION OF 1870.

Those marked thus * were not present during the session.
Where the State is not given the Post Office is in Virginia.

NAMES.	DISTRICT REPRESENTED.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
1. Bain, G. M., Jr.	Norfolk,	Postsmouth.
2. Bass, T. M.	Lynchburg,	Nebraska, Appomattox county.
3. Bell, E. J.*	Danville,	Danville.
4. Bouldin, Dr. R. E.	"	Aspinwall, Charlotte county.
5. Byrd, W. S.	Norfolk,	New Church, Accomac county.
6. Clarke, W. G.	Charlottesville,	Union Mills, Fluvanna county.
7. Crawley, J. D.	Lynchburg,	Prospect, Prince Edward county.
8. Croxton, W. V.	Richmond,	Not known.
9. Dawson, J. H.	Norfolk,	Norfo'k city.
10. Downing, Sam'l	Rappahannock	Lancaster Court-House.
11. Finch, G. B.	Farmville,	Boydton, Mecklenburg county. .
12. Gill, W. M.	"	Crimea, Dinwiddie county.
13. Godwin, T. M.	Charlottesville,	Charlottesville.
14. Garrett, T. W.*	Rappahannock	King and Queen Court-House.
15. Hamlin, T. B.	Petersburg,	Ford's Depot, Dinwiddie county.
16. Hanes, G. B.	Lynchburg,	Gravel Hill, Buckingham co., Va.
17. Jefferson, Rev. J. A.	Petersburg,	Petersburg.
17. Kilby, J. R.	Murfreesboro,	Suffolk, Va.
19. Lumpkin, J. J.	Danville,	Chalk Level, Pittsylvania county.
20. Major, S. B.	"	South Boston, Halifax county.
21. Mathias, Jas.	Lynchburg,	Lynchburg, Va.
22. McDonald, Rev. Jas.*	Rappahannock	Mount Landing, Essex county.
23. Newsom, Rev. T. M.	Murfreesboro,	Henry, Sussex county.
24. Paul, D'Arcy.	Petersburg,	Petersburg.
25. Pettus, T. Taylor.	Farmville,	Meherrin Depot.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.—CONTINUED.

LAY DELEGATES.

NAMES.	DISTRICT REPRESENTED.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
26. Quisenbury, W. D.*	Rappahannock	Dunn's Store, Caroline county.
27. Richardson, A. M.	Richmond,	Richmond city.
28. Sanford, L.	Charlottesville	Unionville, Orange county.
29. Shepherd, Dr. S. M.	"	Greenwood, Albemarle county.
30. Snyder, Asa	Richmond,	Richmond city.
31. Travers, Rev. L. D.	Norfolk,	Taylor's Island, Md.
32. Turner, S. D.	Richmond,	Richmond city.
33. Walford, T. L. D.	"	" "
34. Webb, W. W.	Farmville,	Lunenburg Court-House.
35. Winfield, Dr. J. A.	Petersburg,	Stony Creek, Sussex county.
36. Whitehead, Thos.	Lynchburg,	Amherst Court-House.
37. Williams, Dr. Elisha	Murfreesboro,	Sunbury, N. C.
38. Williams, Hardy C.	"	Murfreesboro, N. C.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.—CONTINUED.

III.—LOCAL MINISTERS.

Where the State is not given the Post Office is in Virginia.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Adams, Richard E. G.	Amelia Court-House.
Addison, James H.	Onancock, Accomac county.
Albertsen, Joshua	Lambsburg, Carroll county.
Allen, Samuel C.	Lynchburg.
Archer, Allen L.	Petersburg.
Arnold, Joseph D.	Red Oak Grove, Charlotte county.
Arnold, Hartwell	Roanoke Post-Office.
Ayres, Thomas E.	Diana Mills, Buckingham county.
Bagwell, Thomas H.	Norfolk city.
Baily, Azariah	Chatchann, Pittsylvania county.
Baily, George W.	Criglersville, Madison county.
Baily, James	Petersburg.
Bain, George M.	Portsmouth.
Barker, W. F.	Dinwiddie Court-House.
Barnett, E. D.	Cambridge, Md.
Barnes, James H.	Amelia Court-House.
Bashaw, John W.	Culpeper Court-House.
Beach, William B.	Not known.
Berry, William W.	Liberty, Bedford county.
Bidgood, Richard W.	Farmville.
Blackwell, John C.	Danville.
Bristoe, J. E.	Rich Square, N. C.
Britton, Elisha	Jackson, N. C.
Boggs, Charles H.	Ayletts, King and Queen county.
Boyd, John H.	Richmond city.
Bouldin, R. E.	Aspinwall, Charlotte county.
Bowen, William	Newark, Md.
Buckner, Dr. B. M.	Bumpass Station, Louisa county.
Campbell, Thomas S.	Amherst Court-House.
Cary, Elisha B.	Berlin, Md.
Chamberlayne, Nelson	South Mills, N. C.
Chamberlayne, John L.	" "
Claiborne, John G.	Kennedy's Store, Brunswick county.
Clarke, William G.	Union Mills, Fluvanna county.
Clarke, Joseph S. R.	Moore's Ordinary, Pr. Ed. co.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.—CONTINUED.

LOCAL MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Compton, J. W.	Ashland, Hanover county.
Cottrell, Charles	Petersburg.
Cox, Newton H.	Princess Anne Court-House.
Crawley, James D.	Prospect, Prince Edward county.
Creary, Walter S.	Mt. Airy, Surry county, N. C.
Crostick, James S.	Genito, Powhatan county.
Crowder, James A.	Suffolk, Nansemond county.
Crute, John V.	Curdsville, Buckingham county.
Darden, James M.	Richmond city.
Davis, Beverly A.	Chatham, Pittsylvania county.
DeWitt, Elisha D.	Big Island, Bedford county.
Doyle, J. T.	Smoky Ordinary, Brunswick county.
Dunkly, Richard	Omega, Halifax county.
Dunn, Thomas R.	Trevillians, Louisa county.
Drumwright, Thomas J.	Wakefield, Isle of Wight county.
Edwards, Alpheus L.	Norwood, Nelson county.
Elliott, J. W.	Locust Mount, Accomac county.
Evans, William	Heathsville, Northumberland co.
Ferebee, Samuel	Indian Ridge, N. C.
Finch, E. M.	Boydton, Mecklenburg county.
Finch, Adam	Christiansville.
Flythe, Jesse	Jackson, N. C.
Forncrook, John	Surry Court-House.
Fortune, Joel	Howardsville.
Friend, Charles	Proctor's Creek, Chesterfield county.
Fulton, Thomas	Concord, Campbell county.
Gates, James E.	Richmond city.
Garrett, William	Oak Grove, Cumberland county.
Gordon, William H.	Ballsville, Powhatan county.
Gosee, F. A.	Reams', Dinwiddie county.
Grant, William	Jackson, N. C.
Hall, Byrd J.	Whitmell, Pittsylvania county.
Hall, John	Palmyra, Fluvanna county.
Halstead, Hardy H.	Blossom Hill, Princess Anne co.
Halstead, Adam	Princess Anne Court-House.
Hannon, John	Ashland, Hanover county.
Harrison, John	Land of Promise, Princess Anne co.
Harrison, James W.	Petersburg.
Harwell, Robert	Reams', Dinwiddie county.
Hawks, Edward	Wellville, Nottoway county.
Hayes, Thomas W.	Winton, N. C.
Hebard, Edward	Pungoteague, Accomac county.
Herndon, John	Cartersville, Pittsylvania county.
Hopkins, Edwin	Yorktown.
Howard, Pleasant	Seven Islands, Fluvanna county.
Hoyle, Thomas L.	Madison Court-House.
Humphreys, J. E.	Pungoteague, Accomac county.
Hunly, Thomas M.	Matthews Court-House.
Jarvis, B. H.	Poplar Branch, Currituck co., N. C.
Jefferson, John A.	Petersburg.
Jefferson, James H.	Burgess' Store, Pittsylvania co.
Jones, James	Kennedy's Store, Brunswick county.
Jordan, James P.	Smithfield, Isle of Wight county.
Jordan, Costen	Sunbury, N. C.
Keaton, Thomas	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Kennedy, William W.	"
Kirby, John W.	Reams', Dinwiddie county.
Lampkin, James J.	Chalk Level, Pittsylvania county.
Leary, Joseph	Coleraine, N. C.
LeCato, L. K.	Locustville, Accomac county.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.—CONTINUED.

LOCAL MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Lee, R. A.	Leesville, Campbell county.
Martin, James G.	Norfolk city.
McDonald, James	Mount Landing, Essex county.
Moorman, John I.	Castle Craig, Campbell county.
Morgan, Seth	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Mullen, Robert H.	Richmond city.
Napier, Wm. H.	Central Plains, Fluvanna county.
Newsom, Thos. M.	Henry, Sussex county.
Oldham, Montcalm	Temperanceville, Accomac county.
O'Neel, Isaac	Roanoke Island, N. C.
Owens, Benjamin H.	Portsmouth.
Parham, G. W. S.	Poplar Mount, Greensville county.
Pascol, John L.	Burford's Summit, Amherst county.
Peace, Willis H.	Kennedy's Store, Brunswick county.
Peatross, Robert S.	Hanover Court-House.
Petherbridge, Chas. W.	Richmond city.
Pitts, John R.	Berlin, Md.
Pitts, Robert	Newark, Md.
Pitts, Laban W.	Norfolk city.
Pryor, Hartwell T.	Big Island, Bedford county.
Ramsey, Isaiah	Burgess' Store, Pittsylvania county.
Rawlings, Nicholas	James' Square, Brunswick county.
Rives, George	Parham's Store, Sussex county.
Robinson, E. C.	Amelia Court-House.
Ross, Charles R.	Charlottesville.
Rowlett, James D.	Chester, Chesterfield county.
Rowlett, Thomas C.	Chula Depot, Amelia county.
Sale, Augustus W.	Richmond city.
Sanford, Robert J.	Kinsale, Westmoreland county.
Sanford, Robert B.	Lancaster Court-House.
Saunders, R. M.	Norfolk city.
Scott, Frank	Ruther Glenn, Caroline county.
Shane, Richard	Portsmouth.
Shackford, John W.	Walkerton, King and Queen county.
Shield, John W.	Yorktown, York county.
Smith, Joseph	Belvidere, Perquimans county, N. C.
Smith, Edwin	Suffolk, Nansemond county.
Spencer, Thomas C.	Keysville, Charlotte county.
Spiers, J. A.	Ashland, Hanover county.
Spiers, Jesse	Reams', Dinwiddie county.
Stevens, Richard	Orange Court-House.
Strawhand, J. E.	Princess Anne Court-House.
Sweeney, Mordecai	Reams', Dinwiddie county.
Synco, John W.	Petersburg.
Thomas, George E.	Matthews Court-House.
Thomas, Allen	Point Easton, Caroline county.
Thrift, Schuyler L.	Norfolk city.
Travers, Levi D.	Taylor's Island, Md.
Trimyer, George W.	Yorktown.
Twitty, James F.	Ashland, Hanover county.
Twiford, O. P.	Pungoteague, Accomac county.
Vaden, Michael	Winterpock, Chesterfield county.
Warwick, Benjamin P.	Petersburg.
Wingfield, Nathan A.	Riverwell, Amherst county.
Whitehead, Willis	Belvidere, Perquimans co., N. C.
Whittington, James W.	Lambsburg, Carroll county.
Wright, Luther,	Applewood, Caroline county.

XII.

FINANCIAL PLAN

*Of the Virginia Conference. Revised and Re-adopted at the Session
held in Lynchburg, November, 1870.*

SECTION I.

OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

I. The Joint Board of Finance, composed of one Clerical member of the Conference, and one Layman from each Presiding Elder's district, shall meet at each session of the Annual Conference.

II. The members of this Board shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop, at the close of the Conference session, and shall hold their office until the close of the next ensuing Annual Conference session.

III. They shall elect their own Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer; and shall fill all vacancies that may occur in the Board; *provided*, they keep up an equal number of Clerical and Lay members.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Joint Board:

1. To receive the Conference collection and distribute the same to the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased Clerical members of the Conference, according to their judgment of their several necessities.

2. To estimate the amount that will be probably necessary to meet the claims of the superannuated preachers, and widows and orphan children of deceased Clerical members of the Conference, and apportion the same to the Presiding Elders' Districts, for collection the ensuing year. This apportionment shall be made *per capita*. In like manner they shall apportion the amount assessed upon the Conference for the support of the Bishops.

3. They shall receive the money collected for the support of the Bishops, and pay over the same to the Bishop presiding at the Conference, and take his receipt, and forward it, or a copy thereof, to the *Book Agent*.

4. They shall receive and carefully examine the Recording Steward's reports and keep an accurate record of the same, and take such action thereon, as may be deemed prudent, in order to improve the financial condition of the church, and secure uniformity in the methods, and fidelity in the execution, of the duties of stewards.

5. They shall decide all issues that may exist between the stewards and the Presiding Elder or any of the preachers, in relation to salaries, and

their decision shall be final,* but in no case shall they allow any preacher to have a claim on the church he has served. as of debt, after his pastoral connection with them has ceased.

6. All matters relating to the financial interests of the Conference shall be referred to this board and be carefully considered by them.

7. The members of this Board, and especially the Chairman thereof shall carefully consider the financial interests of the Conference during the year, and shall collect such authentic information in regard to the usual claimants on the conference funds as shall facilitate the business of the Board at its annual meetings.

8. They shall make a full report of all their proceedings to the Conference, which shall approve, recommit or amend their report.

SECTION II.

OF THE DISTRICT STEWARDS.

I. The District Stewards (see Discipline pages 53 and 100) shall assemble on the second Thursday after the adjournment of the Annual Conference. The place of this meeting shall be fixed by the District Stewards of the preceding year; or in default thereof, by the Presiding Elder. They shall elect their own Chairman and Secretary.

II. It shall be the duty of this board to estimate the salary and traveling expenses of the Presiding Elder, having due regard to what, in their judgement, may be necessary to place him and his family (if a man of family) in such circumstances of comfort and protection as will enable him to serve the Church to the full extent of the requirements of the Discipline.

III. They shall apportion this amount, and the amounts assessed upon the District for the Conference collection and Bishop's fund, to the several charges of the district, according to their judgment of their relative abilities.

IV. They shall require the Secretary to keep an accurate record of their proceedings.

SECTION III.

OF THE STEWARDS ON THE CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

I. The Stewards on Circuits and Stations shall assemble as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the annual meeting of the Board of District Stewards. The time and place of their meeting shall be fixed by the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the preceding year, or in default thereof, by the preacher in charge. They shall elect their own Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer; provided that the office of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by the Recording Steward.

II. It shall be the duty of the Board thus organized—

1. To estimate the salary and traveling expenses of their pastor, having due regard to what, in their judgment, may be necessary to place

*They have no jurisdiction over the assessments of the District Stewards, but as an appellate tribunal for all issues that may exist between the Stewards and the Presiding Elders, or any of the Preachers in relation to salaries. (See Episcopal Decision, page 13.)

him and his family (if a man of family) in such circumstances of comfort and protection as will enable him to serve the Church to the full extent of the requirements of the Discipline.

2. To ascertain from their representative, in the District Stewards' meeting, (or if he should be absent, from any other reliable source,) the assessment upon their charge for the support of the Presiding Elder.

3. To apportion the aggregate of these amounts to the several societies of their charge, according to their judgment of the equitable portion of each.

4. They shall report their action to the ensuing Quarterly Conference, which shall approve, re-commit, or amend their report; provided, that when approved by the Quarterly Conference, it shall be the assessment for that year.

5. They shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, inform their respective societies of the amount assessed upon them.

6. They shall report at each session of the Quarterly Conference the collections made in their respective societies, and pay over the same to the parties having claims thereon, *pro rata*, first deducting the necessary traveling expenses.

7. They shall keep the assessments for the Conference collection and Bishop's fund separate, and shall co-operate with the preachers in charge in raising these amounts by public collections in their several congregations, or by private subscriptions and donations.

8. Where there is no parsonage belonging to their charge, they shall take the necessary steps, as early as the fourth quarterly meeting of each year, to secure a comfortable home for their coming pastor; and in estimating his salary, they shall include the amount necessary to pay the rent thereof.*

9. It shall be the especial duty of the Chairman of each Board to consider the financial interest of his charge, to visit the different societies thereof, when necessary, to remind them of their Scriptural obligations to support the ministry, and to use every effort in his power to promote the financial prosperity of the charge.

10. The Recording Steward shall forward to the Joint Board of Finance of the Annual Conference, a full account of the assessments made upon his charge, the amounts received on the assessments, the disbursements of the same, and the deficiencies, if any exist. He shall also forward annually, a full account of all collections for missions to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference Missionary Board, and shall transmit all moneys collected during the year, for Missions, Conference collection, and Bishops' fund, to the Treasurer thereof, by the preacher in charge.

SECTION IV.

OF CHURCH CONFERENCES.

I. A Church Conference shall be held in each society as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the First Quarterly Conference, whose

* Where the parsonage belongs to the church, the Stewards should fix the fair rental value thereof, and report the same as so much paid on the salary of their Pastor.

duty it shall be to appoint a committee of not less than three, or more than five of its most judicious members, to apportion the amount assessed upon the society, among the members thereof.

II. This committee shall report their action to the Church Conference at this, or an adjourned meeting of the same, which shall approve, re-commit, or amend their report; provided, that when approved by the Church Conference it shall be considered an equitable assessment, and shall be morally binding upon the membership of the society.

III. The Secretary of the Church Conference shall furnish the Steward or Stewards of the Society with a true copy of the assessments, whose duty it shall be to divide them into weekly, or monthly, or quarterly installments, and collect the same as promptly as possible.

IV. The Stewards may appoint collectors to assist them in this work. They may, also, adopt the envelope system, which, in many places, both on our circuits and stations, has proven a very convenient and efficient auxiliary to the Stewardship.

V. If a member should fail or refuse to pay his assessment the Steward shall endeavor to make up the amount by voluntary contributions; provided, however, that he shall report the facts in the case to the next session of the Church Conference.

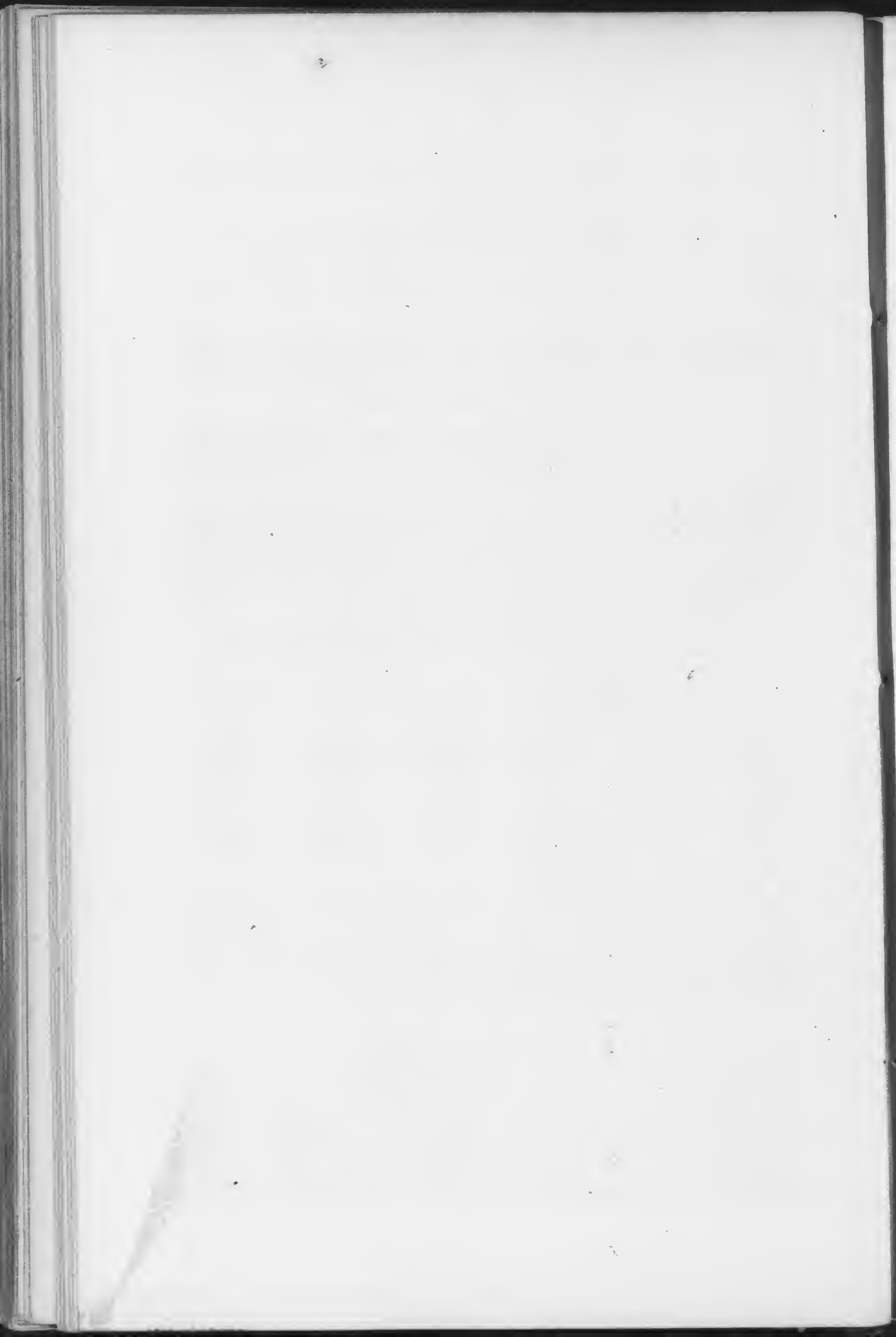
VI. The Church Conference may adopt such measures, in all such cases, as they may deem proper, subject only to the law of the church.

SECTION V.

OF PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

I. It shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders of the several Districts to present written reports at each session of the Annual Conference, showing:

1. The condition of the finances of their respective Districts.
2. The manner in which the financial plans of the Discipline and of the Conference have been executed.
3. Whether any neglect of duty is chargeable on the ministers or lay-officials.



APPENDIX.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

I.—Organization of the M. E. Church, South.

The Convention of Delegates from the Southern and Southwestern Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, viz: Kentucky, Missouri, Holston, Tennessee, North Carolina, Memphis, Arkansas, Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, and Indian Mission,—elected on the basis of the Plan of Separation adopted by the General Conference of the M. E. Church, on the 8th of January, 1844, assembled in the city of Louisville, Ky., on the 1st day of May, A. D. 1845, and by a vote of *ninety-four to three*, dissolved the jurisdiction hitherto exercised over the said Annual Conferences by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and constituted the said Annual Conferences a separate ecclesiastical connection, to be known by the style and title of the *Methodist Episcopal Church, South*.

II.—Comparative Progress from 1845 to 1869.

Year.	Ministers and Members.	Increase.	Year.	Ministers and Members.	Increase.
1845	462,423	.....	1855	627,992	24,689
1846	459,567	(Decrease.)	1856	643,708	15,716
1847	470,194	11,627	1857	655,777	12,069
1848	496,396	26,202	1858	699,169	44,392
1849	510,069	13,673	1859	721,023	21,854
1850	520,256	10,187	1860	757,205	36,182
1851	534,223	13,967	1866	505,101	(Decrease.)
1852	549,171	14,948	1867	535,040	29,939
1853	579,525	30,354	1868	545,069	10,029
1854	603,303	23,778	1869	571,241	26,172

In the foregoing table no account is taken of the years 1861 to 1865, inclusive. During that period some of the Annual Conferences were disorganized by the war, and many were interrupted in their operations to such an extent that they furnished no official returns, and, therefore, the numbers cannot be given. The heavy decrease appearing in 1866 was owing to the transfer of about 200,000 of our colored members to other Churches, principally those under the government of their own race.

III.—Statistical Returns for 1869.

Conferences.....	30	White Members.....	540,820
Bishops.....	9	Colored Members.....	19,686
Traveling Preachers.....	2,833	Indian Members.....	3,149
Local Preachers.....	4,753	Total Ministers and Members.....	571,241

The returns for 1870 will not be completed until the meeting of the Baltimore Conference in March, 1871.

The Bishops now number ten, one having been elected in May, 1870. The Annual Conferences now number thirty-five, besides several Annual Conferences for the colored people.

IV.—BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

NAMES.	BORN.		ENTERED ITINERANCY.		Ordned Deacon	Ordned Elder.	ORDAINED BISHOP.		REMARKS.
	WHERE.	WHEN.	CONFERENCE.	W.A.E.N.			WHERE.	WHEN.	
Joshua Soule.....	Maine	1781	New York.....	1799	1801	1803	Baltimore.....	1824	Died in Tenn., March, 1867.
James O. Andrew....	Georgia.....	1794	South Carolina...	1812	1814	1816	Philadelphia	1832	Residence, Summerfield, Ala
William Capers.....	South Carolina..	1790	South Carolina...	1808	1810	1812	Petersburg.....	1846	Died in S. Carolina, Jan., '55.
Robert Paine.....	North Carolina..	1799	Tennessee	1818	1822	1824	Petersburg.....	1846	Residence, Aberdeen, Miss.
Henry B. Bascom....	New York.....	1796	Ohio.....	1813	1815	1817	St. Louis.....	1850	Died in Kentucky, Sep., 1850
George F. Pierce.....	Georgia.....	1811	Georgia	1830	1832	1834	Columbus, Ga.....	1854	Residence, Sparta, Ga.
John Early.....	Virginia.....	1786	Virginia.....	1807	1809	1811	Columbus, Ga.....	1854	Residence, Lynchburg, Va.
H. H. Kavanaugh....	Kentucky	1802	Kentucky.....	1823	1825	1827	Columbus, Ga.....	1854	Residence, Lexington, Ky.
Wm. M. Wightman..	South Carolina..	1808	South Carolina...	1828	1830	1832	New Orleans.....	1866	Residence, Charleston, S. C.
Enoch M. Marvin....	Missouri.....	1823	Missouri	1841	1843	1845	New Orleans.	1866	Residence, St. Louis, Mo.
David S. Doggett....	Virginia.....	1810	Virginia.....	1829	1832	1833	New Orleans.....	1866	Residence, Richmond, Va.
H. N. McTyeire.....	South Carolina..	1824	Virginia.....	1845	1848	1849	New Orleans.....	1866	Residence, Nashville, Tenn.
John C. Keener... ..	Maryland.....	1819	Alabama	1842	1844	1846	Memphis, Tenn..	1870	Residence, New Orleans, La.

V.—*Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

This establishment is located in the city of Nashville, Tenn., and is devoted to the manufacturing and publishing of books for the use and benefit of the M. E. Church, South. It is subject entirely to the control of the General Conference, for whom it is managed by a GENERAL BOOK AGENT, and a committee called the BOOK COMMITTEE. The AGENT and COMMITTEE are elected by the General Conference at its regular quadrennial sessions. The Book Agent has the charge of the funds, stock, fixtures and real estate, and all other property of the Publishing House, and of the depositories and periodicals belonging to the General Conference; and is responsible to the General Conference for the prudent use and safe management of the same.

EXHIBIT OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE FOR THE FOUR YEARS ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1870.

JUNE 1ST, 1866.		JULY 1ST, 1868.	
Assets.....	\$158,619.25	Assets.....	\$173,898.01
Liabilities.....	71,453.55	Liabilities.....	49,822.44
Balance in favor of House..	\$87,165.70	Balance in favor of House..	\$124,075.59
JULY 1ST, 1867.		JULY 1ST, 1869.	
Assets.....	\$171,597.03	Assets.....	\$212,759.73
Liabilities.....	68,056.76	Liabilities.....	42,575.76
Balance in favor of House..	\$103,540.27	Balance in favor of House..	\$170,183.97
APRIL 30TH, 1870.			
Assets.....	\$230,224.57		
Liabilities.....	41,872.12		
Balance in favor of the House.....	\$188,352.45		

General Agent of the Publishing House.—Rev. A. H. Redford, D.D.

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VI.—*Periodicals of the M. E. Church, South.*

I.—Published by order of the General Conference:

Christian Advocate, Nashville, T. O. Summers, D.D., Editor.
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 Sunday School Visitor, Nashville, A. G. Haygood, D.D., Editor.
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Southern Quarterly Review, Baltimore, A. T. Bledsoe, LL.D., Editor.
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Baltimore Christian Advocate, Baltimore, Rev. T. E. Bond, M.D., and Rev. R. A. Holland, Editors.
 Raleigh Christian Advocate, Raleigh, N. C., Rev. J. B. Bobbitt, Editor.
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 German Apologist, New Orleans, Rev. J. B. A. Ahrens and Rev. E. N. S. Blogg, Editors.
 Primitive Methodist, Charleston, W. Va., Rev. W. Gaines Miller, Editor.

VII.—*Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South.*

This Society was organized at the General Conference of 1846, with Edward Stevenson, D.D., as Secretary. In 1850 E. W. Sehon, D.D., was made Secretary, and served until the General Conference of 1866, at which two Boards were organized—one having control of the Foreign and the other of the Domestic Mission work. E. W. Sehon, D.D., was elected Secretary of the Foreign Board (which position he resigned in 1868 and was succeeded by W. E. Munsey, D.D.,) and J. B. McFerrin, D.D., of the Domestic Board. The General Conference of 1870 discontinued this arrangement, and again placed the Missionary operations of the Church under the management of one Board, with J. B. McFerrin as Secretary.

The General Conference of 1846 authorized the establishment of a Mission in China, which was soon thereafter set on foot, and has continued with varying success until now. Recent reports from our missionaries there, Rev. J. W. Lambeth and Rev. Young J. Allen, represent the prospect as highly encouraging.

Previous to the civil war, the Missions of our Church were located principally among the colored people of the Southern States—*two hundred and twenty-five thousand* of whom were enrolled as members of the Southern Methodist Church. The Society also extended its operations into the Indian country, where we now have a growing Mission Conference.

The total amount of money contributed by our Church for missionary purposes, from 1845 to 1860, inclusive, was \$2,326,145. The sums contributed each year during the war were nominally largely in excess of the receipts of previous years, but being in a greatly depreciated currency their value cannot be fixed. Since the close of the war the revenue of the Society has been comparatively small, in consequence of the impoverishment of the Southern people.

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The Bishops, also, are *ex officio* members of the Board.

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Annual Conferences	72
Traveling Preachers	9,193
Local Preachers	11,404
Members in full connection	1,173,099
Members on probation	194,035
Total Ministers and Members	1,387,731

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